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West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl opens the way for an early general election in March by intentionally losing a vote of confidence in parliament.—Page 16

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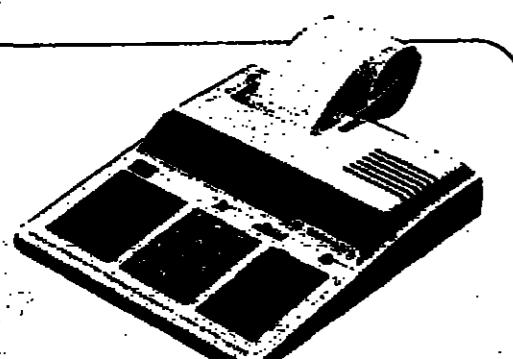
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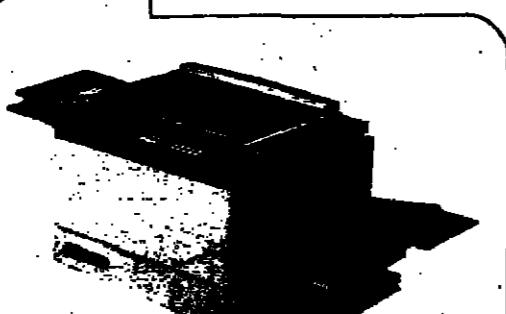
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Differentials are agreed premiums added to the \$34 reference price, which is fixed for Saudi Arabian light crude, to reflect the higher yield in refined products of superior grades.

Yamani warns OPEC on pricing

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Kingdom calls for aid to N. Yemen

RIYADH, Dec. 17 (SPA) — Crown Prince Abdullah, the first deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, Friday, following the directive of King Fahd, made an appeal to all Saudi Arabian nationals, expatriates and national and foreign firms to give aid in cash and/or in kind for the victims of the recent devastating earthquake in North Yemen.

A statement issued Friday by the Royal Court said that special committees had been set up throughout the Kingdom of this purpose. North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh phoned Prince Abdullah and thanked him for Kingdom's timely help.

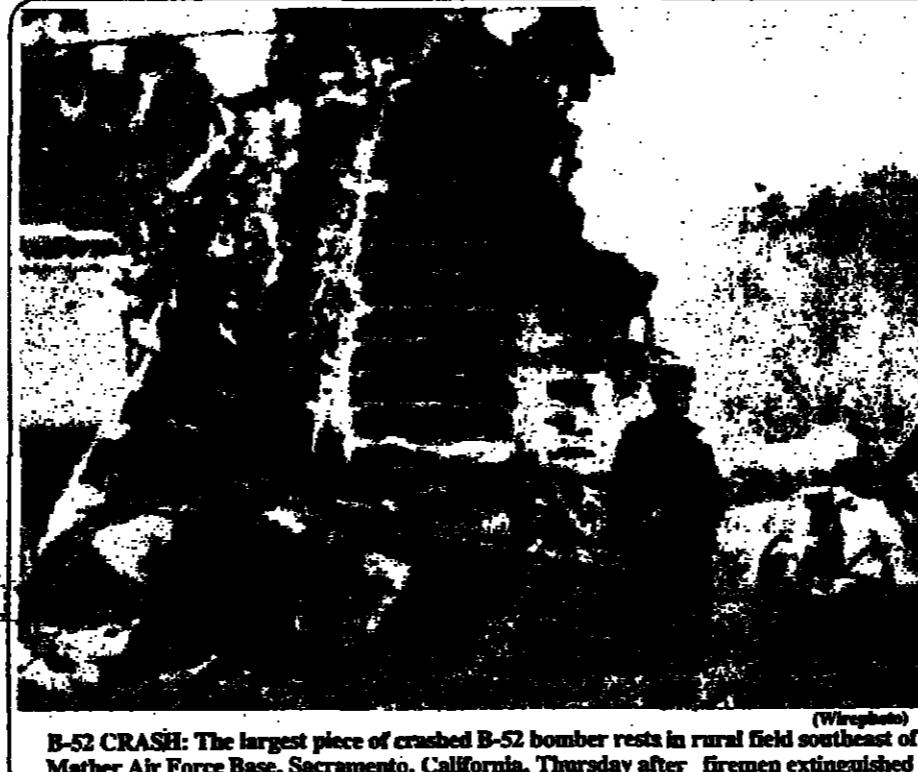
North Yemen was jolted at noon Monday by a severe earthquake and in subsequent days by a total of seven aftershocks of medium intensity.

The tremors annihilated a dozen villages, partially damaged 188 others, and left more than 400,000 persons homeless.

President Saleh issued a nation-wide summons for "absentee prayer" Friday to ask Allah to rest the souls of earthquake victims and be merciful with injured.

The Yemeni state radio said citizens converged on thousands of mosques across the 75,000-square-mile country for traditional Friday congregational prayer, before offering the absentee ritual.

"The gloom is overwhelming," said one Arab diplomat reached by telephone in Sanaa. "They (people) are so shocked that they seldom talk about the tragedy."



(Wirephoto)
B-52 CRASH: The largest piece of crashed B-52 bomber rests in rural field southeast of Mather Air Force Base, Sacramento, California, Thursday after firemen extinguished flames of the loaded aircraft. Nine persons died in the crash.

Time for watching over'

Struggle to go on -- Walesa

GDANSK, Dec. 17 (R) — Lech Walesa, leader of Poland's banned Solidarity union, who was prevented by the authorities from addressing supporters Thursday, told reporters Friday he was resolved to carry on the struggle to regain workers rights, but using only peaceful methods.

Walesa, who remained silent after his release from internment last month while he assessed the political situation, said: "The time for watching is over."

Speaking at his home in the Zaspa working class suburb of Gdansk, Walesa said when asked what he would do in the future: "The same as before August, during August and afterward."

He was referring to agreements in August, 1980, between striking workers and the government which led to the creation of Solidarity. "I don't want to topple the authorities, but in the best way I can I want to improve conditions and fight for the cause of the working world."

He said he wanted to carry through the principles of the independent Solidarity

Liechtenstein sees red after 5 years

VADUZ, Dec. 17 (R) — Liechtenstein, a principality so conservative it still refuses to give women the vote, has discovered to its horror that it has been using Communist school books for the past five years to teach writing to its pupils.

The government, which assumed the East German books were Swiss since they were delivered by a Zurich company, has now banned their use, a spokesman said Thursday.

The real origin of the books went unnoticed until a local newspaper complained about the ideological content of sentences used to teach German writing and punctuation. German is the official language of Liechtenstein, a tiny state located between Switzerland and Austria.

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Over troops pullout

Israeli tactics draw U.S. fire

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (Agencies) — If Israel refused to pull its soldiers out of Lebanon they would become an occupation force, U.S. President Ronald Reagan said in a *Washington Post* interview Friday.

He was interviewed a few hours after his envoys conferred in Israeli with Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

The interview came at a time when administration officials have suggested the president is growing impatient with conditions that Israel is putting on withdrawal of its troops, including one that all PLO forces be withdrawn before other troops leave.

In the interview, the president said: "The government of Lebanon should be sovereign over its own territory, and we think the time has come now for the foreign forces that are in the area — Syria, Israel and the remnant of the PLO that is there — to get out, and that's why the multinational force of U.S., Italian and French forces was sent."

"For those countries to delay in getting out now places them in the position of being occupying armies."

Reagan said it was one thing for the Israelis to be in Lebanon when they were invited, or when they were being attacked across the border, and another to be there now.

"The Lebanese government has enough confidence in itself that it has asked them to leave and to not leave is, as I say, to make enemies occupying forces."

He said that, once troop withdrawals from Lebanon were negotiated, "we can get on with the business of the major negotiations to bring about peace and eliminate the differences that have kept the Middle East in turmoil all this time."

Meanwhile, Lebanese President Amine Gemayel was quoted Friday as saying Lebanon relied totally on the United States to tone down Israel's "intransigence" and "unreasonable conditions" for withdrawing its forces from the country.

The Beirut newspaper *As-Safir* quoted the president as saying the Israeli "conditions are unacceptable and unreasonable."

In another development, the United Nations General Assembly Thursday's approved resolutions calling for sanctions

against Israel and denouncing the Israeli army's seizure of Palestinian documents during its occupation of Beirut.

By a vote of 87-22 with 31 abstentions, the assembly asked member states to halt all arms agreements to suspend all economic, financial and technological aid, and to break diplomatic, trade and cultural relations with Israel.

"Israel has confirmed by its actions that it is not a peaceful state" and "it does not fulfill its obligations as a member state of the United Nations," the resolution said.

In a later vote, the assembly passed a resolution denouncing "the Israeli Army's seizure, during the occupation of Beirut, of archives and documents of all sorts concerning Palestinian history and culture."

The latter resolution was passed by 138 votes to 1, with only Israel voting against it.

The assembly also denounced the massacre of Palestinian civilians in the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps. The Resolution denouncing the killings was passed unanimously.

Habib continues efforts

BEIRUT, Dec. 17 (AP) — U.S. presidential envoys Philip C. Habib and Morris Draper met for two hours with Lebanese President Amine Gemayel Friday amid reports a partial withdrawal of foreign armies would take place within a month.

While the meeting was underway at the presidential palace in suburban Baabda, police reported 18 deaths in a fresh outbreak of violence in the northern port of Tripoli, Lebanon's second-largest city.

Habib, who is of Lebanese descent, emerged from the Baabda Palace and told reporters in Arabic: "You know me, I don't talk. We had a lengthy discussion and the president was very nice to me. See you." Lebanon's state and privately owned radio

BY THE WAY: The radio stations said the partial pullback plan formed the crux of Habib's bid to break the deadlock over the withdrawal of all foreign armies from Lebanon.

Habib and Draper later met with Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan to discuss the proposal, the broadcasts reported. They said Habib would return to Israel on Sunday to get Israel's response, and then head to Washington to report to President Ronald Reagan.

Meanwhile, Syrian President sent a letter to Gemayel Thursday pledging to "take any measure or decision that helps you in facing the dangerous situation" in Lebanon, according to the radios.

Senate approves MX plan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP) — The U.S. Senate agreed early Friday to President Ronald Reagan's plea to be allowed to buy 100 MX nuclear missiles if Congress approves a basing plan within 45 days after he submits it.

By a vote of 56-42, the Senate handed Reagan a victory after two defeats in a row on the issue of the nuclear weapon he wants to deploy in a controversial "dense pack" formation.

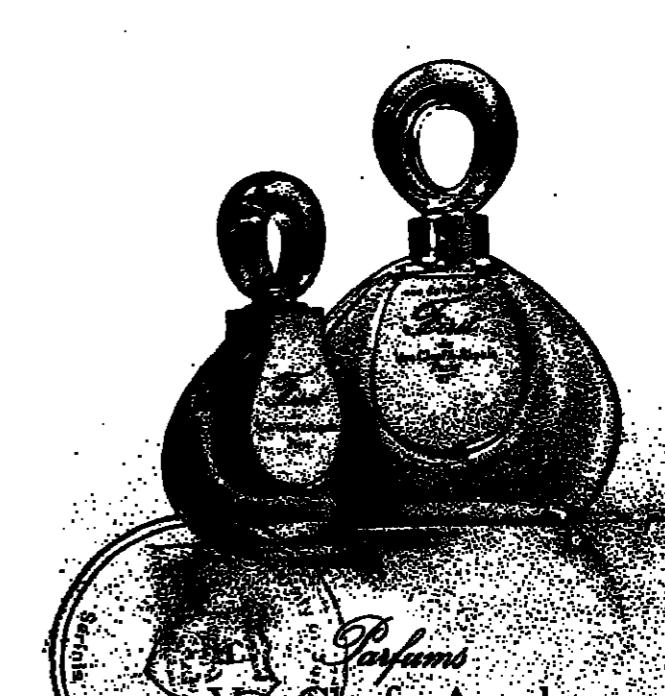
In a preliminary vote, the Senate rejected 70-28 a move by Senator Alan Cranston, Democrat-California, to delete \$988 million in MX production funds from a catchall spending measure to run the government past midnight Friday.

Cranston told the Senate his amendment was designed "to halt production of MX missiles now, once and for all."

Under the compromise, the president is required to report on March 1 or later whether he still wants his controversial "dense pack" basing system or some other plan and Congress would have to give final approval to a basing system within 45 days.

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Telecommunications union**Jeddah meeting will give final draft statute shape**

By Ahmad Shaaban

JEDDAH, Dec. 17 — Senior technocrats from Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Malaysia and Tunisia will meet at the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) here Dec. 20-22, to put in shape the draft statute of a proposed Islamic Telecommunications Union.

The original draft was prepared by Saudi Arabia. It will then be examined by another expert group meeting of all 41 states of the OIC here next March. Sunday's meeting will follow-up the recommendations of a meeting on telecommunications held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, April 6-8, 1981.

In accordance with a resolution of the 13th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held in Niamey, Niger, last Aug. 22-26, the final draft will be submitted to the 14th Islamic Foreign Ministers Conference in Dhaka next December through the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs.

The purpose of the would-be union is to establish, improve and develop the telecommunications systems of OIC members. It may also ensure close cooperation and coordination with other regional and international organizations in the telecommunications field, including the Arab Telecommunications Union. The idea was first suggested during the first expert group meeting on telecommunications held here, March 15-18.

A study submitted by Malaysia to the Kuala Lumpur meeting last year revealed the need and justification for establishing new telephone and telex routes among member states. It strongly recommended the need for establishing a data base in the proposed Islamic Telecommunications Union for the mutual benefit of all OIC members. The latter may also establish bilateral direct circuits where justified on account of the potential of the traffic volume.

While examining the paper on "network development among member states" prepared by Malaysia, the experts, at Kuala Lumpur, noted that, for primary routing, five member states (about 12 percent) have direct relations with more than ten but less than 18 other member states. Twenty-eight other member states have direct links with at least one and up to ten other members.

The would-be union aims at protecting the members' interests at international associations and organizations by all possible methods; providing advice and consultations and recommending solutions for the problems referred to it by the members.

Accordingly, the union will suggest plans, carry out studies and undertake whatever research it deems fit to develop and update communications. It will extend all possible

assistance to the members for the efficient training of their manpower.

ITU will also work to upgrade the standard of telecommunications services, and will support and strengthen the idea of using Arabic and its alphabet as an official language, like English and French in international conferences and ceremonies on communications and among OIC members.

The new union will also encourage members to manufacture telecommunications equipment, but within a framework of coordination and technological, technical and economic integration among Islamic countries. It will also bolster inter-state cooperation to establish telephone, telegraph and telex services and play an active role in using satellites to re-transmit programs received from television stations of non-member countries.

New policy to recruit maids is in the offing

MAKKAH, Dec. 17 — The Saudi Arabian government will adopt a new policy towards the recruitment of maids because this practice has begun to yield its problems within the Kingdom's society. Planning Minister Hisham Naser was quoted as saying. *Al-Madina* said that the minister made the statement during a lecture at Umm Al Qura University here on development in Saudi Arabia.

Foodstuffs rise 89%**Imports exceed SR58 billion**

RIYADH, Dec. 17 (SPA) — Private sector imports in Saudi Arabia financed by commercial banks totaled SR58,580,000,000 during fiscal year 1401/402H (1981/82), showing a 13 percent increase over last year, according to the statistical bulletin of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA).

Foodstuffs accounted for 89 percent of the increase. Banks extended import loans amounting to SR10,344,000,000 — a 7.9 percent increase over the preceding year. Import financing for other items went up from 81.9 percent in 1400/1401H (1980/81) to 82.2 percent in 1981/82. The proportion of foodstuffs in such financing was reduced, however, from 18.1 percent to 17.7 percent during the same period. Bank financing of foodstuffs last year had risen steeply to 41.7 percent, boosting the share in the overall bank import financing from 15.1 percent in

1979 to 18.1 percent in 1980/81. According to SAMA's latest statistics, with the exception of a 17.8 percent drop in sugar, tea and coffee imports, and a 2.7 percent reduction of textiles and ready-made garments, all imports were up. The highest increase was in fruits and vegetables (59.4 percent), followed by livestock and meat (21.9 percent), other foodstuffs (13.7 percent), and grain (9.4 percent).

Items such as vehicles and construction materials recorded a rate of increase of 26.1 percent and 17.3 percent respectively.

Machinery and equipment showed a 13.2 percent increase, while varied commodities went up by 13 percent. The proportion of cars in the overall imports of the private sector through commercial bank financing went up from 13.2 percent to 14.8 percent. The rates of textiles, garments, sugar, tea and coffee went down from 9.6 percent to 8.3 percent and from 2.4 percent to 1.8 percent respectively.

Al-Amoudi introduces Swedish pleasure boats

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 17 — A new line of pleasure boats and yachts have been introduced in the Kingdom by Abdullatif Al-Amoudi of Al-Amoudi Bros. Co. Amoudi, who is marketing the boats, told *Arab News*, that the boats are highly sophisticated and manufactured by the world-famous Storebro Brugs Ab of Sweden.

Initially according to Amoudi, two types of boats are being marketed in the Kingdom — "Storebro Royal Cruiser 31 & 40" and "Storebro 34 Work Boat."

"A number of boats of these types are being used around the world and they are known for their seaworthiness and well-decorated luxurious interior," Amoudi said. The Storebro work boats are fully equipped with necessary facilities like two-burner stove, sink, mess space, toilet, galley and settee berths.

The stove, sink, 31 comes in two versions — "Adriatic" with a large open cockpit, and "Biscay" with a spacious deck saloon. The Storebro Royal Cruiser 40 has a big cockpit area and equipped with sundeck, separate toilet room with shower and a wash basin. In addition, it has a large cabin, a big double

bed and a separate shower cabin. Al-Amoudi said all the boats and yachts are designed to accommodate 416 cadets and 1017 instructors and officials. After a three year course, a cadet will be awarded a B.A. in military sciences. He is then appointed with a grade of corporal at the National Guard.

The SR460 million contract for the academy was signed in 1978 for completion within 30 months. Later, several additions to the contract were signed for various facilities at the academy which covers a 320,000 square meter area. Construction fills 76,000 square meters, while green spaces total 17,500 square meters. Inside alleys total 5,110 meters. There are 2,200 trees in the campus.

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Deficit budget may make government prune expenditure

RIYADH, Dec. 17 — A slight trimming in the future allocation of bigger projects at the time of their completion has been foreseen by Riyadh Chamber of Commerce and Industry president Sulaiman Olayan, according to the latest issue of *Saudi Business*.

A pruning of government expenditure may become necessary in the wake of the \$20 billion deficit in the budget this year caused by the drop in oil revenues, he said in his address at a recent two-day seminar on trade finance organized by the Saudi American Bank (SAMBA).

"I don't expect any major cuts in the government's spending program but I don't rule out an economy drive in some non-essential sectors," he said.

Asked if the \$20 billion deficit could be met by drawing down on government reserves or through some form of fiscal discipline, Olayan said: "It need not necessarily be so. It is rare that all the budget is spent. The question of overcoming the deficit will arise only if the entire \$90 billion budget is spent. If the government spends only \$70 billion, then the budget is balanced."

Olayan said despite the shortfall in the revenue, infrastructural projects will not be affected. The impact, if at all, will be on the major projects, especially in the area of manpower deployment.

"But there will be an increase in the domestic purchasing power and we will be facing a more sophisticated consumer," he added.



Sulaiman Olayan

"I don't foresee any serious problems," he said when asked whether the formation of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) will set off competition among the member states over the common market and how this situation will affect the Kingdom.

Even the European Economic Community (EEC), which is 27 years old, has been beset by problems over farm and commodity exports. Such problems may not arise in the case of the Gulf common market since one of the GCC codes lays down regulations concerning the mode of export of commodities by its members.

The seminar, which was attended by senior financial managers working for Saudi Arabian companies and joint ventures, was addressed, among others, by Rober Feldman, a trade finance specialist from Citibank (New York).

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Delights from the Red Sea, Europe

Tasty, perfectly-prepared fish buffet

By Dave Kaiser
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 17—Seafood-lovers take notice, it really is possible to obtain an assortment of deliciously-prepared fish, shrimp, scallops and other treats from the sea here every Wednesday during the Mermaid Night Fish Buffet at the Al-Badr Jeddah Sheraton Hotel.

Despite its location on the Red Sea coast and the abundance of fish in area waters, Jeddah is often disappointing to seafood-lovers who expected to find the best seafood available here at a reasonable price. The Mermaid Night brings back hope with tasty, perfectly prepared morsels from the Red Sea and Europe.

Customers arriving for the fish buffet are greeted with an elaborate display of seafood at the entrance to the restaurant. Once inside, the buffet consists of a complete array of fish and seafood which surrounds you; to the right there are cold dishes, accentuated by a large ice carving of a fish with lobsters, shrimp and oysters smothered on a bed of ice; while to the left there are numerous hot dishes. The buffet is complemented with the usual array of salads and dressings and a very unusual assortment of more than a dozen delicious desserts.

The buffet is all-you-can-eat, and costs SR85 per person. Customers were following no particular order, some were even tempted to begin their meal with the rich desserts.

Cold buffet

American-style, beginning with the cold buffet and salads, there were the traditional lettuce and cucumbers and cucumbers with mixed Italian salad as well and four dressings, all home-made.



COLD BUFFET DISPLAY: An assortment of seafood is displayed at the base of the carved-ice fish, while in the foreground a few of the cold fish items are shown including a marinated oriental-style fish dish at the left and the oysters at the right.

Specialist clinics open Dec. 30

TAIF, Dec. 17—A time-table for specialist clinics within hospitals starting to be in operation Dec. 30, was discussed here recently at a meeting of hospital directors in the Western Province presided over by Dr. Nazih Hassan Nassif, the area's general health affairs supervisor, Okaz reported.

After the meeting, Dr. Nassif said that,

Teachers, girls get housing allowance

JEDDAH, Dec. 17—Bonuses and housing allowances paid to teachers and students at the girls faculty here totaled SR4,356,000 Okaz reported. Ibrahim Al-Sobhi, director general of girls colleges in the Western Pro-

vince said that the amounts included SR2,400,000 as housing allowance for the teachers, SR56,000 for students who earned honors; and SR2,900,000 as ordinary bonuses for the girls.

League donates SR2m for building mosques

MAKKAH, Dec. 17 (SPA)—The Muslim World League donated SR2 million for building a number of mosques in rural areas of Malaysia. The donation was made from the Supreme World Council of Mosques' fund. "All Mokhtar, assistant secretary general of the council, said that the donation was made

"Greet visitors Islamic way," girls schools told

TAIF, Dec. 17—The Presidency for Girls Education has sent a circular to all schools to tell them that whenever a visitor comes to their class-room, the girls should welcome themselves to greeting them in "the Islamic way," Al-Madina reported.

Teachers must no longer compel the girls to stand up for the guest or intone "good morning" or "welcome" like a song—a habit that contrasts with Islamic teachings, the statement said.

from the aid ordered by King Fahd in favor of the Supreme Council of Mosques. Funds were allocated by the council after a detailed report conducted by the Malaysian national council of mosques in cooperation with the Saudi Arabian embassy in Malaysia. Mokhtar added.

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The fish-salads consisted of an assortment of dishes to satisfy every taste. For the fish purist there were oysters, tomatoes stuffed with steamed shrimp, grapefruit stuffed with shredded crab meat and an assortment of cold fish platters including smoked salmon and cold fillets.

There were four tasty oriental marinated fish dishes which included tart, tangy and spicy grouper and mackerel with the whole fish displayed on a silver platter and surrounded with a garnish.

For those who like to begin their hot entrees with soup starters, there were two

soup dishes. The lobster bisque was delectable, with a delicate cream sauce and a touch of vegetables which eliminated the overpowering fish taste often encountered with such mixtures.

Vegetable dishes

A lentil soup was available for diners who did not like fish or who are vegetarians. The salad bar, of course, offered a number of choice items for this type of diner and the hot buffet featured three totally vegetarian dishes: rice; mixed vegetables including carrots, green beans and cabbage; and potatoes.

Hot fish dishes

The tasty fish dishes on the hot buffet provided a delicious assortment of tastes. The hot dishes were constantly being replenished by the alert staff and often rearranged or replaced when the customers had torn up their rather elaborate display.

Dishes featured a variety of flavor which would offer an appropriate taste for every palate: 'Plaice Mauimore' was a crispy, delicately flavored fillet (similar to sole) which was prepared to such perfection that the fish was easily removed from the bones; 'Seafood Blanquet' featured a tangy mixture of shrimp, lobster, scallops and fish which was such a hit along with the other that no matter what main fish everyone came back with seconds and even thirds of the mixture; fish fillets with pepper featured hamour, which proved to be a very spicy mixture and on the hot side; the river trout with almonds was a more subtle but delicious taste; and tuna with green peppers was provided for the diner who prefers his fish mild and somewhat hidden with the sweet peppery flavor.

The desert bar included more than a dozen individual types of puddings, pies and cakes. A cherries jubilee type of dish with the tart cherries poured over sweet custard was a real joy after such a large meal. Other more imaginative eaters saved room for the desert and had the rich dark chocolate cake topped with red cherries, whipped cream and dark chocolate wafers or the real Dutch apple pie (apples and raisins) with a scoop of ice cream on top.

The fish buffet is available every Wednesday at the Sheraton and they are also featuring

Epidemic decimates chickens in Taif villages

TAIF, Dec. 17—An unusual epidemic has decimated a large portion of the chickens here and in neighboring villages. Al-Madina reported.

The disease appeared at the chicken farms in the south, especially at Bani Malek vil-



(Photographs by Giovanni Pasquale)

BUFFET LINE: Shown here is the buffet line as it greets you entering the restaurant. At the left are an assortment of cold fish and salads and desserts at the right. The buffet table continues around about the same distance to the left where hot soups are located and the hot buffet items are to the far left out of view in this photo.

ing special dinners which will take place on Dec. 24, 25, and Dec. 31. Included in those menus will be stuffed roast Turkey; and roast duckling.

Prayer Times

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Fajr (Dawn)	5:27	5:34	5:06	4:56	5:21	5:55
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:17	12:18	11:49	11:36	12:01	12:30
Asr (Afternoon)	3:21	3:17	2:48	2:32	3:56	3:22
Maghreb (Sunset)	5:43	5:38	5:09	4:52	5:16	5:41
Isha (Night)	7:13	7:08	6:39	6:22	6:46	7:11



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'Karmal sends hit squads'

Plot to assassinate Afghan fighters alleged

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 17 (Agencies) — An Afghan general who defected to Pakistan was quoted Thursday as saying the Marxist regime in Kabul had dispatched hit squads to assassinate Muslim freedom fighters operating from Pakistan.

The government-owned *Pakistan Times* quoted Lt. Gen. Ghulam Siddique as saying that "more than 20,000 spies" had been sent over the border to kill patriotic leaders.

Siddique, who defected to Pakistan in November, also said that Moscow planned to annex Afghanistan's nine northern border provinces (states) and hand the other 19 to an Afghan government.

Meanwhile, Soviet war planes heavily bombed anti-Communist concentrations in eastern Paktia province last Tuesday, killing at least 12 Mujahideen and wounding 14 other Muslim fighters, the Afghan Islamic Press (AIP) reported Thursday. The massive bombing raids followed reports from Western correspondents who secretly visited parts of Paktia province last month that Afghan fighters were preparing for an offensive against Dargai district, near Khost.

The Soviet bombing raids set off seven Mujahideen tents, so that ammunition

OIC peace panel active, Klibi says

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec. 17 (R) — An Islamic mission seeking to end the Gulf war between Iran and Iraq was still in constant touch with both sides and was confident of a settlement. Habib Chatti, secretary-general of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC), said here.

Chatti told reporters on arrival here Thursday night from Bangladesh that "I have no doubt that both Iran and Iraq are willing to resolve this problem and end the war." Malaysia is a member of a seven-nation OIC peace committee whose efforts to solve the 27-month-old conflict have so far proved fruitless despite a number of missions to Tehran and Baghdad.

Chatti, who had talks with Malaysian Foreign Minister Tan Sri Ghazali Shafie, said that though progress had been slow, "the OIC has

Benjedid confers with Mitterrand

PARIS, Dec. 17 (R) — Algerian President Chadli Benjedid conferred with President Francois Mitterrand Friday on the first formal visit to Paris by an Algerian leader since the country's independence in 1962.

Col. Chadli, who has just completed a three-day official visit to Belgium, arrived for a "working stopover" that has been clouded by Algerian annoyance over new French frontier restrictions and French joint military maneuvers with Morocco. President Mitterrand, who has led an intense effort to build strong commercial and political ties with Algeria, greeted the Algerian leader at the airport and accompanied him to the Elysee Presidential Palace for lunch.

Col. Chadli's decision to make only a stopover in France has been interpreted by political commentators and diplomats as an indication of Algerian sensitivity about rela-

tions with its former colonial master. Former President Valery Giscard d'Estaing partially restored relations when he visited Algiers in 1975, the first French president to do so since the bitter and bloody civil war which led to Algerian independence 20 years ago.

When he took office in May last year, Mitterrand pledged to open a new chapter, using Algeria as one of three pillars for French ties with the developing world. He paid an official visit to Algiers a year ago, sealing an innovative cooperation accord.

French officials, pointing to a series of lucrative orders which have come to France over the past year, say the accord has worked well. The new contracts include multi-billion-dollar housing and railway construction agreements. However, a series of differences, some of them with their roots in the colonial past, have soured the atmosphere.

Injured just north of the town Wednesday when a car blew up.

Meanwhile, Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan called Friday for unity between Christian and Druze citizens who have been fighting each other in Lebanon's central mountains and vowed that the Israeli occupation would be removed. "Occupation shall fall. It will go forever," Wazzan said in a speech delivered from the balcony of his office to about 500 Druze demonstrators protesting the sectarian violence in Israeli-occupied Central Lebanon.

Demonstrators, carrying placards reading "the Druze are the mountain's shield and the mountain is the heart of Lebanon" and "we demand the return of legitimacy to the mountains," marched through the streets of West Beirut and gathered at the courtyard of the prime ministry.

Three persons were killed and three others

Senate hikes \$475m in aid to Israel

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AFP) — The U.S. Senate early Friday defied the White House and increased by \$475 million the aid proposed to Israel, to a total of \$1.760 million in an overall \$11,600 million foreign aid package.

The Senate and House of Representatives are also expected to agree in joint talks on final figures for Israel. The White House, which opposes all increases in aid to Israel, had originally proposed \$785 million in economic/defense aid and a \$500 million grant for arms purchases. The Senate raised the former figure to \$910 million and the latter to \$850 million.

Earlier, the House of Representatives had maintained the economy/defense aid figure, but increased the arms grant to \$750 million. President Ronald Reagan fears that giving more money to Israel will be interpreted in Arab capitals as tacit U.S. approval for the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, and could hamper the U.S. peace initiative in the Middle East.

Zia seeks nuclear help from Canada

MONTREAL, Dec. 17 (R) — Pakistan's President Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq Thursday called on Canada to resume technical aid for his country's nuclear program.

Canada sold a nuclear reactor to Pakistan but halted nuclear cooperation in 1976 after Islamabad refused to sign the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. President Zia, in Canada on a five-day official visit, told reporters that Pakistan had sufficient supplies of domestic uranium to feed the reactor. "But we are asking our friends, including Canada, to help us run our nuclear reactor for meeting our power requirements," he added.

But Canadian officials have said there is no chance of renewed cooperation unless safeguards are agreed to by President Zia who has repeatedly denied that he wants to build an "Islamic bomb" to match India's nuclear capability. President Zia said he is prepared to sign the Non-Proliferation Treaty if other nations conform with its terms as well.



TALKING TO RESIDENTS: Soldiers of the French peacekeeping force talk to the residents of West Beirut during their foot patrol. French troops along with American and Italian are part of the multinational peacekeeping force now in Lebanon at the request of the Lebanon government.

BRIEFS

KUALA LUMPUR, (AFP) — Malaysia will host a special conference on the Palestinian issue in May next year in its attempt to help resolve the problem.

ANKARA, (AFP) — Istanbul martial law command Friday announced it was lifting, from Saturday, restrictions it had imposed on meetings between Turkish and foreign organizations.

UNITED NATIONS, (AFP) — Diplomatic privileges and immunities should be granted to those national liberation movements recognized by the organization of African Unity and the Arab League, the U.N. General Assembly recommended by a large majority Friday.

ANKARA, (R) — Turkey has published new air traffic regulations apparently claiming the right of its planes to fly up to the limit of Greek territorial waters. A claim bitterly disputed by Athens.

ISTANBUL, (R) — An Istanbul military court trying members of the Turkish Peace Association on charges of disrupting Turkey's name abroad released the association's president from detention Thursday.

TOKYO, (R) — Japan's ambassadors in Middle East countries, who ended a meeting Thursday have said that prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone should visit the region as early as possible, a foreign ministry spokesman said.

CAIRO, (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl was quoted here Friday as saying his planned visit to Israel was necessary if his country was to help solve Middle East problems.

BEIRUT, (R) — The United States has given Lebanon a grant of \$5 million and a loan of \$15 million to help repair homes damaged in the Israeli invasion in June, the U.S. embassy announced Thursday.

Moi reviews chances of OAU summit

NAIROBI, Dec. 17 (R) — Kenya's President Daniel Arap Moi Thursday reviewed chances of convening the twice-abandoned Organization of African Unity (OAU) summit with OAU Secretary-General Eden Kodojo.

President Moi, the current OAU chairman, outlined the possibilities of holding the meeting before the OAU's 20th anniversary celebrations in May next year, the official Kenya News Agency (KNA) reported. KNA quoted President Moi as telling Kodojo during their talk at Nakuru, 160 kilometers northwest of Nairobi, that he might hold a meeting in February of the 12-nation committee set up to study obstacles to the holding of the summit.

The committee was established after heads of state meeting collapsed without quorum in Tripoli, Libya, in November because of a row over who should represent Chad.

Evren gets warm welcome in Jakarta

JAKARTA, Dec. 17 (AP) — Turkish President Kenan Evren arrived here from Shanghai Friday for three days of talks with Indonesian leaders on promoting closer relations between the two countries.

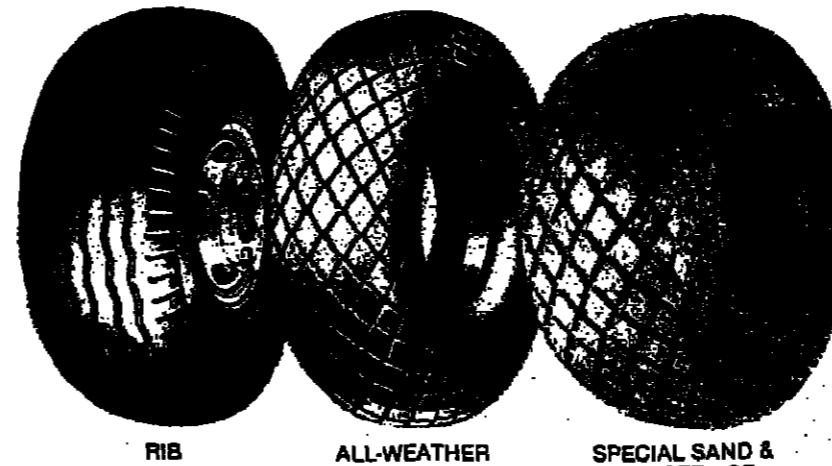
Evren is the first Turkish head of state to visit Indonesia since the two countries established diplomatic relations in 1959. The Turkish president, who was accompanied by his daughter Mrs. Sevgi Gurvit, was greeted at the airport by Indonesian President Suharto and his wife Tien Suharto.

Evren was accorded a red carpet treatment including a 21-gun salute. After the welcoming ceremony, the Turkish president was introduced to Indonesian dignitaries and foreign diplomats. Evren, who also was accompanied by Foreign Minister Ilti Turkmen, will have a two-hour talk with Suharto at the Merdeka (freedom) Palace Saturday.

An agreement on technical cooperation will be signed by the two countries during the Turkish president's visit here.



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Powerful bomb blast damages U.S. office

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (AP) — A powerful bomb damaged a suburban IBM office building Thursday evening, just four hours after a bomb caused extensive damage to an office of South African Airways on Long Island.

An anonymous caller told an editor at the Gannett Westchester Rockland newspapers in White Plains that the IBM explosion at Harrison, New York, was related to the earlier blast at Elmont in Nassau county. No injuries were reported in either case.

Night editor Rich Leonard said the called said everyone should be evacuated from the IBM building because a "huge bomb" would

go off in 10 minutes. The caller added, "we did South African Airways," Leonard said.

The call was repeated within five minutes. The bomb exploded at 7:40 p.m. local time and tremors were felt in parts of Westchester County, Leonard said.

Damage to the IBM building was "very bad," according to Harrison police. Everyone was evacuated, they added.

Nassau County police said the South African Airways bomb went off only minutes after the four-story building was evacuated and after a bomb squad threw a blast blanket over the device.

"They just about got away," said Sgt. Michael Ford said of the bomb squad. "Another few minutes they would have been blown away." The blast "blew the bomb blanket to smithereens," he added. The blankets are designed to contain explosions.

A fire department spokesman said there was "moderate damage to the inside," noting that the blast blew out windows and two huge glass panels at the back of the building.

Police said a secretary at the South African Airways office received an anonymous call that there was a bomb in an attache case outside the second-floor airline office.

Mozambique, U.S. discuss conflicts

MAPUTO, Dec. 17 (AFP) — The military conflicts in southern Africa have dominated the official talks between the United States and Soviet-allied Mozambique.

An official statement said the three-day meeting, which ended here Wednesday, between a high-ranking State Department delegation and Mozambique officials had been "frank and productive." It said "regional security" had featured prominently and that future meetings would "promote bilateral relations, regional peace, stability and economic development."

U.S. delegation leader Frank Wisner, who conferred briefly with President Samora Machel when he arrived here, said the talks "got right to the core of the problems" in southern Africa and created a "very good understanding of the points of view of each of the two governments." Wisner is senior deputy assistant secretary of state for African affairs.



AFTER THE BLAST: Westchester County bomb squad members examine the debris left by a powerful explosion at an IBM office building in Harrison, New York, Thursday night.

Illegality in luring ex-CIA agent ruled out

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 17 (AP) — A judge ruled Thursday the U.S. government did not act illegally in luring former CIA agent Edwin Wilson out of his Libyan sanctuary.

U.S. District Judge Ross Sterling denied a defense motion to throw out the indictment against Wilson, who is accused of smuggling explosives. The defense had contended Wilson was illegally arrested because the gov-

ernment collaborated in a deception to get him out of Libya.

The judge acted after the man who foisted Wilson, Ernest Keiser, testified at the federal court hearing that he persuaded Wilson that the National Security Council wanted him to assist in a U.S. intelligence operation in Central America.

Wilson is accused in a federal indictment of illegally transporting plastic explosives from

Houston to Libya.

Wilson, named in several U.S. indictments at the time, had been enjoying sanctuary in Libya. Last June, he flew from Libya to the Dominican Republic. Officials in that country put him on a plane to New York and Wilson was arrested by U.S. marshals.

Wilson, 54, goes on trial here Jan. 3 on a charge of shipping 42,470 pounds of the plastic explosive C-4 from Houston to Tripoli.

200 protesters held in Chile

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 17 (AP) — Police have arrested more than 200 persons for staging an anti-government protest in Chile's three largest cities, Roman Catholic church sources said Thursday.

Groups of youths gathered Wednesday night in downtown squares and streets of Santiago, Valparaiso and Concepcion and shouted slogans against repression and economic mismanagement by Chile's military regime, witnesses said.

Three men stopped a city bus near downtown Santiago during the demonstration, forced its occupants off and set it afire, police said. Leaflets had announced a "march

New cancer treatment found

TOKYO, Dec. 17 (AFP) — Japanese researcher said that he had found a highly effective method of combating various types of cancers with little side effects by using hematoporphyrin derivatives (HPD) and green argon laser beam.

Daisuke Kato, chief researcher at the laser research division of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, said last year's clinical tests of "photochemotherapy" on 24 cancer patients had proven the method effective in treating stomach, rectal, retinal and

lung cancers.

The researcher said cancerous cells had almost completely disappeared in the case of three patients in an advanced stage of stomach cancer, while cancerous cells were found to have been completely destroyed in two patients in an early stage of stomach cancer.

He said three retinal cancer sufferers were completely cured and nearly all of the 15 lung cancer patients had shown marked improvement.

America hails Kim's release

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AFP) — The

Reagan administration warmly welcomed the announcement by the South Korean government of the release from prison of opposition politician Kim Dae-Jung. "We believe this step will make an important contribution to political harmony in Korea," State Department spokesman Alan Romberg said.

He indicated that the United States also welcomes the Seoul government's statement that it was reviewing the cases of others connected with Kim and the Kwangju incident of 1980.

Kim, 57, South Korea's most prominent

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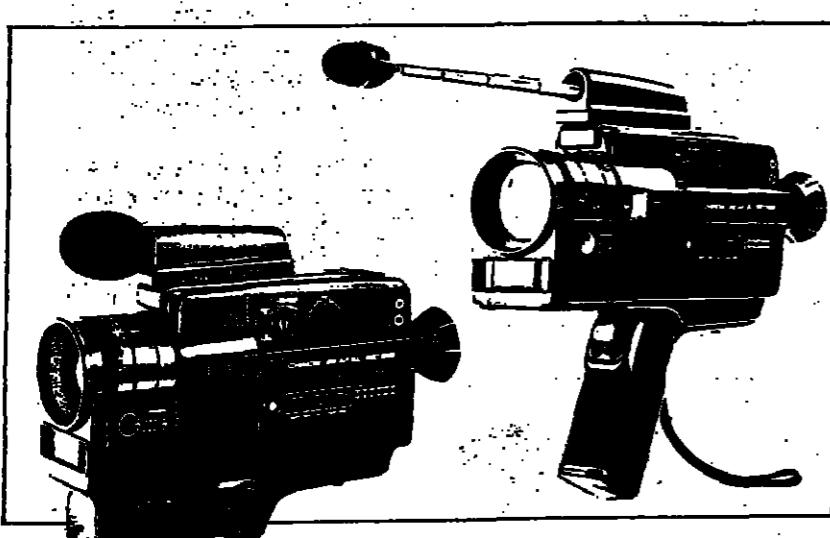
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As jobless rate reaches double digit

'Human emergency' declared in Michigan

MICHIGAN. Dec. 17 (AP) — Governor William Milliken of Michigan appealed for private donations of food and shelter to the state's needy, saying the hard-hit state's double-digit jobless rate has created a "human emergency".

Meanwhile, Mayor Coleman Young of Detroit, the state's largest city, persuaded the federal government to donate 1 million pounds of surplus non-fat dry milk for the city's poor residents. Detroit is the main center of the troubled U.S. automobile industry.

Hong Kong talks adjourn 'temporarily'

PEKING, Dec. 17 (R) — Talks between Britain and China on the future of Hong Kong have stopped temporarily but are expected to resume again probably before the end of the year, informed sources said.

The sources, both in Peking and London, called the break a temporary pause and said this was because the chief Chinese negotiator, Deputy Foreign Minister Zhang Wenjin, was soon to be posted to Washington as China's ambassador.

The talks, being held in Peking, are strictly confidential and both British and Chinese officials have instructions not to say anything about the other than that they are "continuing". The pause coincided with the absence from Peking of Ambassador Sir Percy Craddock, who heads the British side at the talks.

The sources did not disclose when the talks stopped, but Sir Percy flew to Hong Kong on Dec. 6, partly for debriefing on the discussions and partly for a break on his way to Bangkok for a meeting of British heads of

Germany pleads for four Nazis

BONN, Dec. 17 (AP) — The West German government, heeding a unanimous decision by the Bundestag, said it will again intervene with the governments of the Soviet Union, Italy and the Netherlands to gain the release for humanitarian reasons of the last four Nazi criminals 37 years after the end of World War II.

Most prominent prisoner for life is Rudolf Hess, 88, Adolf Hitler's former deputy, who flew to England on a dubious peace mission in May of 1941, several weeks before the Germans invaded the Soviet Union. The Soviets have steadfastly refused to release Hess from Spandau Prison in Berlin despite uncountable appeals from all parts of the Western world.

Italy still holds Walter Reder, 66, a former Gestapo major from Austria, who was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1951 for ordering the execution of at least 600 civilians in Marzabotto, near Bologna, as a reprisal against partisan activity.

In the past, Marzabotto citizens have always protested appeals for Reder's release. One such recent appeal came from Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky.

The Netherlands are holding Ferdy aus der Füllendorff, 70, and Franz Fischer, 80, who were both given death sentences that were later commuted to life imprisonment, of which it was customary to serve only a maximum of 18 years, according to a justice department spokesman.

Former Premier Andries van Agt attempted to get them released while he was justice minister in 1972, but resulting public uproar threatened a government crisis, and massive public opposition kept the two in prison. All prisoners were said-to-be in failing health.

Charles admires natural remedies

LONDON, Dec. 17 (AP) — Prince Charles thinks British doctors too readily prescribe drugs "as the universal panacea for our ills," in a speech to the British Medical Association on its 150th anniversary this week, the heir to the throne disclosed his admiration for more natural remedies.

"It is frightening how dependent upon drugs we are all becoming and how easy it is for doctors to prescribe them as the universal panacea for our ills," he said in the speech delivered Tuesday and published in *The Times* of London on Thursday.

"Already the cost alone is well over 2 billion pounds (\$3.28 billion) a year," said the sports-loving prince, 34.

Charles said this is "a time in which science has tended to become estranged from nature" and medicine is dominated by an "objective, statistical, computerized approach to the healing of the sick."

The prince's interest in natural healing may come from his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, 56, whose medical staff includes a homeopathic doctor and who reportedly takes a first-aid kit on her travels which includes treatments made from flowers and snake venom.

Kenya attacks critics

NAIROBI, Dec. 17 (R) — The Kenyan government has denied foreign press reports that 2,000 persons were killed in the short-lived Aug. 1 coup attempt and said that 129 persons died in the rebellion.

A government statement issued by the official Kenya News Agency and broadcast on radio and television attacked "a smear campaign against Kenya being conducted outside the country by a few disgruntled elements and enemies of Kenya." It said: "the total loss of life resulting directly from the Aug. 1 disturbances was 129 persons."

The statement did not name any media but appeared to reflect increasing government sensitivity over coverage of Kenya, diplomatic sources said. It echoed a speech by Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi at the weekend attacking Nairobi University lecturers for fleeing the country after the coup and issuing statements critical of the government from foreign capitals, they said.

The statement was particularly harsh on comments by Kenyans overseas about the detention of government critics which began earlier this year. "They have chosen to capitalize on the recent arrest and detention of a few people who have been detained as a last resort in the interests of peace and security of the nation," the statement said.

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The announcement came one day after the government offered the city surplus cheese, butter, fruit juice, bread, flour, spaghetti, rice and oatmeal.

There are many people in this state who have run out of alternatives and now face the basic question of whether they will have enough to eat," Milliken said Thursday as he launched a relief program in a state where the unemployment rate is 17.2 percent.

"It is the responsibility of those of us who

continue to work to assure that those who are not working continue to have food and shelter," he said. "There is a human emergency in Michigan," said Milliken.

Young announced Thursday the federal government will make the non-fat dry milk available in January and February.

Young, who declared an emergency in the state's largest city Dec. 7, called for the federal government to declare a national emergency.

The governor's plan calls for the State

Department of Social Services to set aside \$1 million as seed money for local aid efforts and asks the state legislature to appropriate \$800,000 for the distribution of government surplus food and to support school breakfast programs.

He stopped short of issuing an emergency declaration, required to qualify for federal disaster aid, but he authorized state agencies to "remove any roadblocks and cut any red tape" in the way of efforts to help the needy.

Swaziland Police Commissioner Titus Msibi confirmed the roundup had taken place, mainly in the town of Manzini and also in the capital, Mbabane, and the town of Mat-

Swazis arrest S.A. exiles

MBABANE, Swaziland, Dec. 17 (AP) — Troops and police rounded up between 80 and 100 South African exiles in a crackdown on suspected black nationalist militants. *The Times of Swaziland* said Friday.

The swoop Thursday came a week after South African troops raided the capital of Lesotho, another small neighboring country, and killed 42 persons in raids on what South Africa said were houses of African National Congress members.

Swaziland Police Commissioner Titus Msibi confirmed the roundup had taken place, mainly in the town of Manzini and also in the capital, Mbabane, and the town of Mat-

sapa. He declined to disclose details on the sweep, which the *Times* said was the largest ever of ANC members in Swaziland.

The newspaper said it was believed between 80 and 100 South Africans were arrested. Heavily armed police cordoned off large areas of refugee neighborhoods, systematically arrested suspects and took them at gunpoint to waiting trucks.

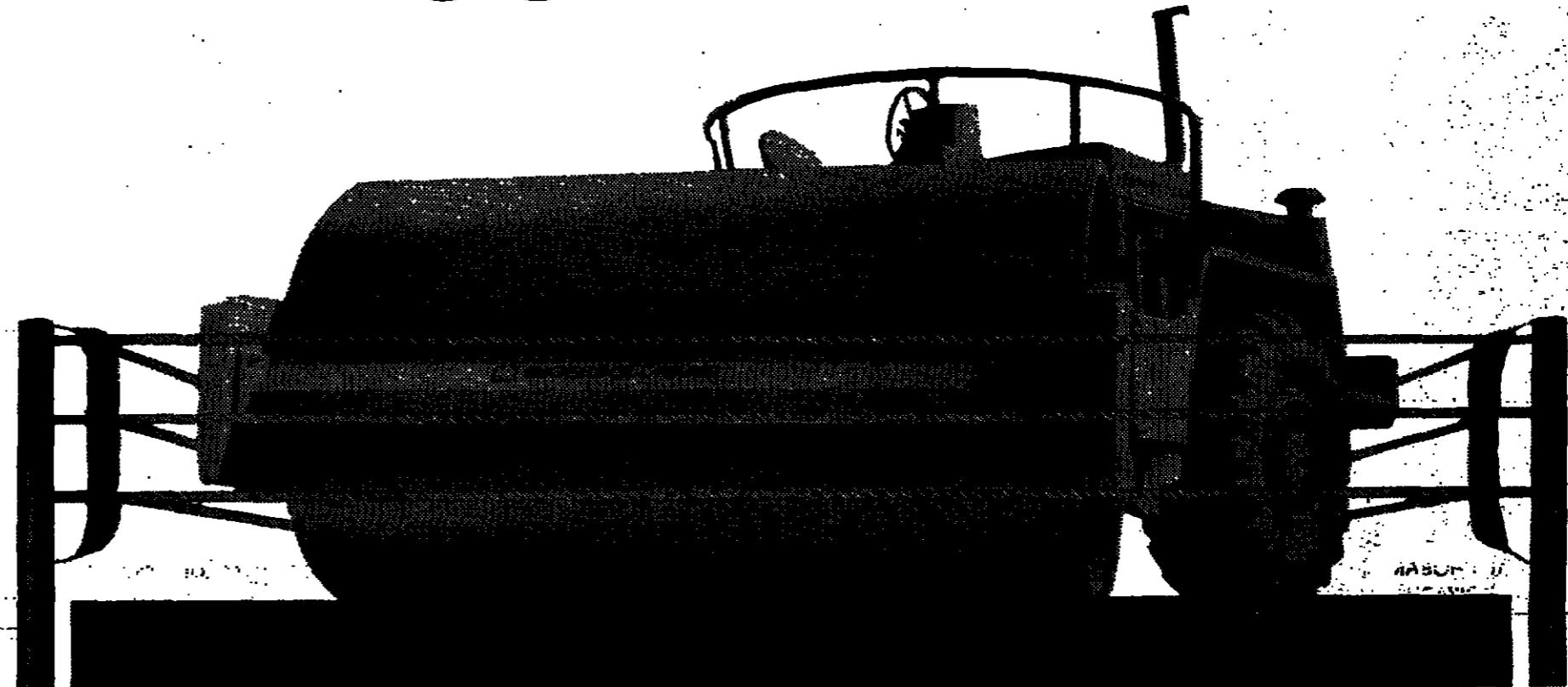
Wives of men who were detained said they were told their husbands would not be released "for a very long time," the paper said.

It quoted one eyewitness as saying "the search was not an indiscriminate one. They knew who they were looking for and where they were, but they did not find some of my people."

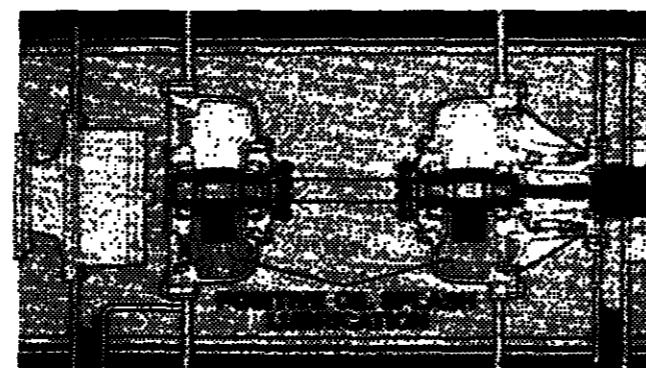
The raid was seen as a signal by Swaziland to South Africa that it would begin to move to become a battleground in the fight between the South African government and black nationalist guerrillas. The ANC carries out periodic sabotage attacks in white towns in South Africa, mainly against mining energy targets.

Swaziland, which is heavily dependent on South Africa, has said it will not allow ANC activists to operate from its soil and has cracked down on the ANC, prosecuting and expelling members on arms charges.

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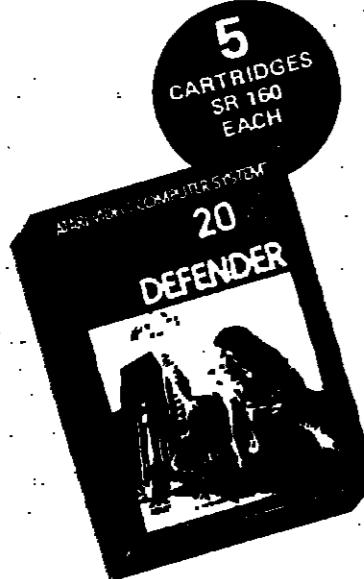
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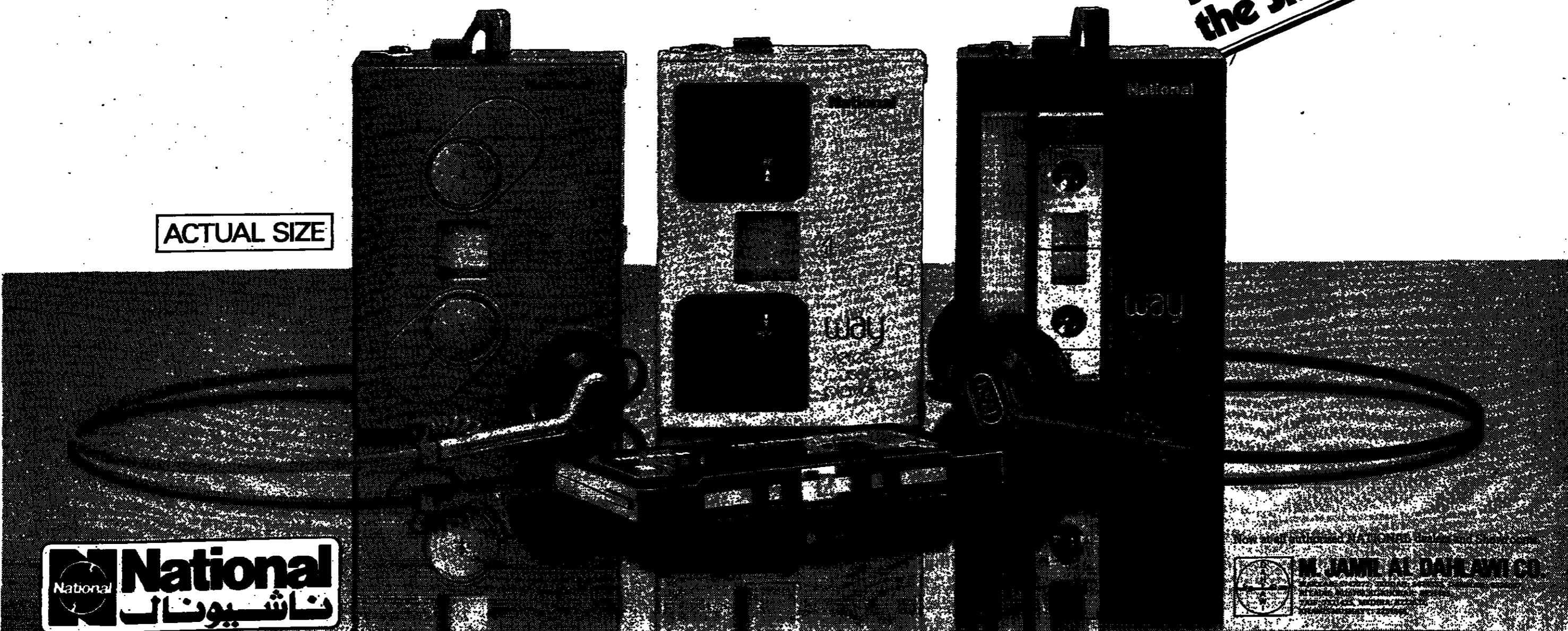
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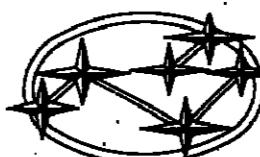
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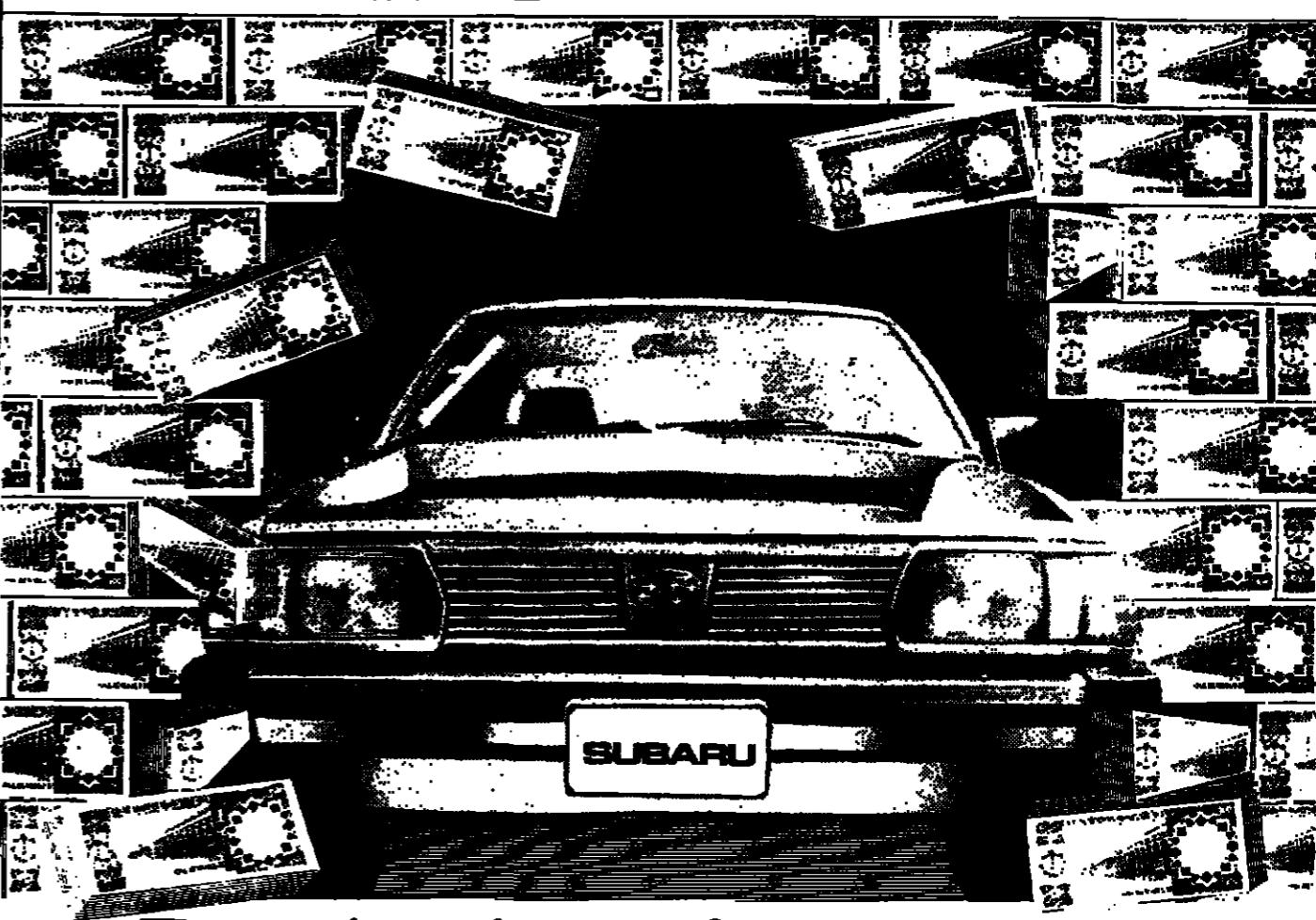


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U.S. studying report

Israel said aiming warheads at Syria

By Russell Warren Howe
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — United States intelligence is looking into a report by Adm. Stanfield Turner, who was director of the Central Intelligence Agency in the Carter administration, that Israel has deployed nuclear artillery aimed at Syrian targets.

Turner refuses to comment on the report. "The information I have on this is classified," he told this reporter.

Intelligence sources quote Turner as saying that Israel has fitted nuclear warheads to 105-millimeter shells.

The Israeli Embassy in Washington denies the assertion, and some Pentagon experts doubt whether Israel has the skills to nuclearize shells. Some also speculate that the Israelis may be bluffing, by simulating, for Turner's source, the precautions associated with the use of nuclear weapons.

Turner is said to have claimed that Israel no longer keeps all its nuclear warheads in an underground site at or near Dimona, the home of the Jewish state's nuclear industry, which does not accept international inspections. He is quoted as saying "They have nukes with their forward forces" — referring to tactical (short and medium range) nuclear weapons.

The weapons are said to be deployed in northern Israel, not in Lebanon, but within range of Syrian targets in Lebanon and Syria.

In his conversation with members of the U.S. intelligence community, Turner is said to have recalled that, in 1967, a CIA spy plane had observed Israeli A-4 ground attack aircraft making practice nuclear bombing raids — a recognizable technique which involves a rapid escape pattern to prevent the attack plane being incinerated by its own ordnance.

The conventional wisdom in defense literature has been that Israel could only deliver its nuclear weapons from an aircraft or by rocket. Some experts questioned by this correspondent doubted if Israel had the requisite skills to make warheads small enough for shells, a technology which involves considerable radiation risks for assemblers.

One expert recalled the difficulties encountered when warheads were first made for American 8-inch and 155-millimeter shells. A 105-millimeter shell is only half the caliper (diameter) of an 8-inch shell.

Israeli Embassy counselor Nachman Shai said, in comment on the Turner report: "Israel has no nuclear artillery, in Lebanon or anywhere else."

Turner is quoted as telling his former colleagues that he thought Israel had abandoned using the Franco-Israeli Jericho missile as a nuclear delivery system because of guidance problems with the missile.

One Washington expert said he thought the obvious candidate for delivering Israeli nuclear warheads would be the U.S.-made

Lance missile. But Steve Goose of the Washington-based Center for Defense Information, a think tank, said he felt sure the Israelis had the skills to nuclearize shells.

He noted that they had developed their own cluster bombs, another difficult technology.

Most sources agreed that if Israel did have the technology to nuclearize shells, they would not lack the "chutzpah" (gall) to deploy them, even against conventionally armed foes.

The Turner report has clearly stirred considerable interest in those Washington offices which you can only enter by inserting your fingers in a box and pressing a code which accompanying persons cannot see. Asked if he believed Turner's report, a Defense intelligence Agency source said: "This is not something which we could discuss, even on background."

This was later related in Capitol Hill testimony by Carl Duckett, former assistant director of the CIA.

In 1973, a U.S. Air Force RF-71 spy plane photographed Jericho missiles in Israel with nuclear warheads.

Under the terms of a treaty whereby the U.S. and the Soviet Union agree to inform each other of nuclear weapon activities by third parties which may draw the superpowers into war, their President Nixon informed Chairman Brezhnev of the development. Brezhnev responded by sending nuclear warheads to Egypt, where they were fitted to Scud missiles under Soviet supervision.

The weapons were later removed.

That sequence of events was related by this reporter in a 1980 book, *Weapons*, and subsequently confirmed to Israeli reporters in a background briefing by the late Gen. Moshe Dayan, who was Israel's defense minister in 1973.

Because U.S. government sources will neither confirm nor deny the Turner report, they will not say whether Moscow has been informed. If Israel staged a nuclear attack on Syria, both superpowers would presumably prefer that the inevitable nuclear response come from Syria rather than from the Soviet Union — just as Washington and Moscow, in 1973, had preferred to see Egyptian weapons neutralized than to leave retaliation to the Soviet Union.

Observers are puzzled at Turner's information since, unlike 1973, when Israel's Golan Front forces, under Gen. Yitzhak Rabin, faced a huge Syrian armored attack, Israel today faces no apparent danger.

Some observers are skeptical. One Pentagon source speculated that Turner's informant, however experienced, could have been the victim of "a very clever bluff." Persuading your adversary that you have a powerful weapon, is almost as good a "deterrent" as having it, he noted.

Asked if he thought Israel might be bluffing, Turner laughed and told this reporter: "That's a leading question."

Presley and Beatles still attractions on home video

By Robert Hilburn

HOLLYWOOD (LAT) — With all the excitement among record-makers over the sales-boozing potential of video, it is interesting that the hottest pop attractions on home video are chiefly associated with the 50s and 60s, namely Elvis Presley and the Beatles.

Devo, Olivia Newton-John, The Tubes and Blondie have attracted attention with new video cassette releases. But no one has come close to creating the stir generated by the recent release of *The Complete Beatles*.

The two-hour documentary from MGM-UA Home Video is the most ambitious step into home video so far. The package, which features all or part of more than two dozen Beatles songs, is such a hot rental item that waiting lists have even been established in some stores.

Meanwhile, there are 15 Presley video cassettes and video discs on the market with the best still to come: an expanded version of last year's *This Is Elvis* movie that is due in March from Warner home video.

Why the continued fascination with the past?

Veteran acts like Presley, the Beatles, The Doors and Simon and Garfunkel command a greater audience than newer attractions because adults, who buy and rent most of the tapes, are more likely to select them. Plus this classic footage gives younger pop fans a chance to see what they have only heard and read about. At the same time, the Presley-Beatles domination underscores the failure of producers and manufacturers to find the right formula for tapping the pop video potential. It is clear by now that the late '70s notion of simultaneously releasing key albums in both traditional form (music only) and in video cassette form is not practical.

The annoying thing is that we are constantly being reminded about the potential of rock video through the often imaginative "video records," shown regularly on MTV and other pay-TV systems. These are the three or four minute clips designed to promote new records. As soon as a company can figure out a way to put the best of these in a reasonably priced package (say under \$30), we should finally begin to see a breakthrough in the area. The packages will be targeted to specific audiences: easy listening, rock, new wave, country, soul.

The Complete Beatles is a sometimes frustrating, but mostly delightful look at rock's greatest group. Rather than a giddy fan portrait, it is a surprisingly intelligent look at the group's musical development, combining rare studio and concert footage. George Martin, who produced almost all of the band's records, is a helpful guide.

Reflecting on the changes in a group that moved from its early fascination with Ameri-

can rock 'n' rollers to where it began its own socio-cultural exploration, Martin is not intimidated by the Beatles legend. Actor Malcolm McDowell's colorless narration, however, strips the program of some useful celebration. And there is a sketchiness that suggests this is merely a capsule version of what really requires six or eight hours to adequately document.

For an interesting double feature, play *The Complete Beatles* with *Magical Mystery Tour* (Media, 60 minutes). This hopelessly ill-conceived TV fantasy from 1967 shows that the Beatles were not perfect. Even after all these years, it is a mystery why Paul McCartney ever thought this countryside outing would be magical.

On the Elvis front, nine of Presley's nearly three dozen movies are now available on video cassette. The best are *Jailhouse Rock* (MGM-CBS Home Video) and *King Creole* (20th Century-Fox Video). The remaining offerings are taken from TV or concert appearances. The most noteworthy is *Elvis in the Fifties* (King of Video), featuring guest spots on mid-'50s programs.

The essential Presley program, however, is *This Is Elvis*, a docu-drama that tells Presley's story through re-creations and original concert and newsreel footage. It was put together by the same team, Malcolm Leo and Andrew Solt, that gave us *Heroes of Rock 'n' Roll*, the best network TV special ever on rock.

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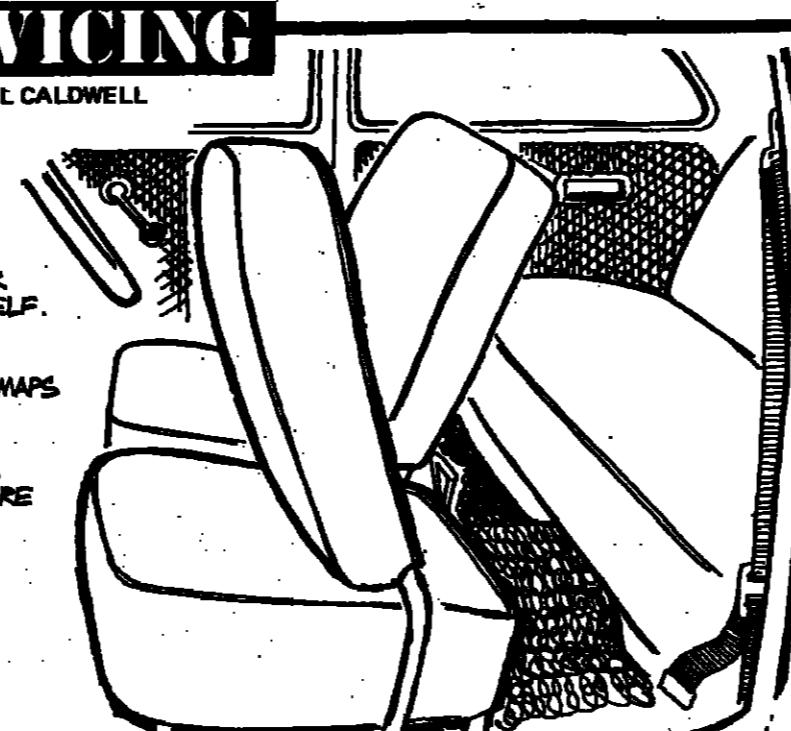
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Craft of Bedouins on the move

Houston Bureau

HOUSTON — Representing the first comprehensive exhibition of traditional Saudi Arabian arts and crafts to be mounted in the United States, "Traditional Arts and Crafts of Saudi Arabia" will open at the Textile Museum in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 21, 1983, and will remain on view through May 22, 1983.

The exhibition will feature more than 100 representative samples of Bedouin craft and lifestyle — with the majority of items drawn from the private collection of John M. Topham, who lived in Saudi Arabia for several years, and presently resides in Rochester, New York.

Loans of outstanding objects from other U.S. and Saudi Arabian collections will also be included. Most items date from the early part of the 20th century, though some are earlier and a few are of more recent origin. Regional tribal origins have been determined as closely as possible.

As a nomadic people, the Bedouins look to portable tents as central to their lifestyle. In keeping with this, the central focus of the exhibition is the representation of a traditional tent, woven of goat hair and divided into three sections by fabric tent walls which are characteristic of the bold, geometric designs found in the colorful Arabian textiles. It is this tent around which all other artifacts are to be seen and understood.

The textiles of Saudi Arabia are reflected in rugs, tent bands, blankets, camel bags, and the like, which display traditional weaving and dyeing techniques. A rich tradition of brightly colored, elaborately patterned objects — which for years offset the austerity of the desert — will be



CAMEL RIDING SADDLE: This exceptionally fine old saddle comes from western Arabia and was made before 1950. It is decorated with patterns incised in the wood, soft metal embedded pegs and brass tacks.

displayed in a diverse selection of textiles which though produced primarily for practical uses clearly illustrate the important role decoration played in the production of

such pieces. This holds true of other items in the exhibition, such as jewelry and weaponry, which possess intricate details and designs.

"Now, according to history..."

By Jim Taylor

last thing an Israeli-first such as Abels wanted was bringing before the American public the truth about the atrocities committed by the Zionists.

Of course, *TV Guide* executives wanted to fire me right away. The only thing which prevented them from doing so at this time was that they didn't relish a lawsuit based on a violation of the First Amendment. So, they decided upon a program of harassment against me to make it so unpleasant for me that I would resign on my own accord. They reasoned that about a month or so of this kind of treatment would make me glad to leave.

Now, I won't bother you with too many details about my predicament. Suffice it to say that this individual and others resorted to many childish tricks to drive me out of the company.

I was given twice as much work as I could possibly accomplish. But by working through my lunch hour, I continued to do an excellent job. Then someone using my computer symbols would destroy my work in the computer. When I complained that I was not there working for myself, but for *TV Guide*, and that when they destroyed my work they were doing harm to the company, not just to me personally, they feigned ignorance of the entire affair.

Nasty notes were left on my desk telling me to leave or else. One morning when I opened a desk drawer, there was a plastic rat in it with my name on it. Pretty childish stuff for a billion-dollar a year corporation to pull on one individual employee. And it didn't work either. I kept showing up for work each day, trying to do the best possible job despite all the handicaps and roadblocks by my venal tormentors.

Then I began to receive phone calls at the office threatening my life. Calls from New York and Chicago, purportedly from the Jewish Defense League and other radical groups, would inform me that my time on this earth was indeed quite limited if I dared publish the truth about the *U.S.S. Liberty* and the Middle East situation in general.

One caller even threatened the life of my mother, who at the time happened to be 87 years old. This angered me greatly. My own life had been endangered before; but to threaten my mother was an unspeakable crime, in my opinion. My understandable reply to this particular threat was that if these anonymous callers were ever apprehended, they had better hope it was by the FBI or the police — and not by me.

By far the most poetic threat I ever received came from a female voice on the phone. She told me "that just as her ancestors had spilled the blood of Roman soldiers on the streets of Jerusalem 2,000 years ago, that if my book was published my blood would be spilled on the streets of Kansas City."

In December of 1980, I heard via the office grapevine that I would be fired soon. But it was approaching Christmas and perhaps it was postponed until 1981 because of this.

So my lengthy career on the staff of *TV Guide* ended quite abruptly on that fateful spring day. At about 11 a.m., I was called into the executive suite by a telephone call to my desk. I was fired quickly with the reading of a carefully prepared but absolutely meaningless statement. Then I was given just 15 minutes to clean out my desk of my personal items and leave the building forever.

When I returned to my desk in the center of the editorial room, all eyes were upon me. People who had worked closely with me for many years were afraid to speak to me. They were terrified by the thought of what would happen to them if they did. Not one word was spoken to me.

Four times before my dismissal, I was warned that I would be fired because of my political views and my book, *Pearl Harbor II*. But on my final day, on advice from legal counsel, I presume, I was informed that I was being fired for "incompetence".

They were able to fire me all right. But I am proud of one fact — they were unable to make a "Winston Smith" out of a Jim Taylor.

Warsaw assesses the future

By Neal Ascherson

WARSAW (LOS) — Out of winter darkness, they came crowding into the gallery behind this Warsaw church. Old men wearing medals, young men with tense, wolfish faces, families with their children. Among them were two Polish soldiers, two exhausted men bowed over the table, their greatcoats sagging, lost in misery after a defeat.

It was a year since martial law was imposed on Poland, two months since Solidarity was dissolved. A man settled under the triptych with a guitar and began to sing the songs of all the Polish risings, from the rebellion led by the cadets in November 1830 through all the generations of hope and tragedy to the Warsaw Rising of 1944. "From the Smoke of Fires", "The First Brigade", "God Who Helped Poland", "Rota"...

The audience sat frozen, without sound or movement. Then the guitarist murmured: "You too" — and all took up the melody: low, intense, each singing for himself or herself. I saw that they had known every word of all these songs and that I was watching a rite. In their own way, the Poles were dedicating the Solidarity months to the past and preparing themselves for a winter that could last many years.

For Gen. Jaruzelski and the small ruling group in Poland, the year of martial law has dispelled early hopes but fulfilled its basic purpose. Ideas that any substantial section of the nation would welcome martial law as a rescue from chaos, or that — with opposition suppressed — the grand economic reform could become effective proved illusions. The population remains overwhelmingly bitter and suspicious. The foreign-debt crisis, exacerbated by Western sanctions, and the restrictions of martial law have held economic reform to little more than a shaky initial stage.

On the other hand, the core of the old state structure has been saved. More accurately, Gen. Jaruzelski has not been forced to share power on anybody else's terms. Protest and resistance has been at least contained, at the cost of probably over 20 lives and the incarceration of about 15,000 people.

If it is too early to speak of economic recovery, the fall in production seems to be bottoming out and the people are adequately fed. But clothes, shoes, soap, tea and coffee are still desperately short, and the tale told by health figures is frightening: a soaring increase in tuberculosis, infant mortality, hepatitis and skin diseases.

More recently, the regime has returned to political action, after months of deadlock, and has contrived to confuse and divide its opponents. The calculated risk of dissolving Solidarity on Oct. 8 succeeded, in the short term. The primate, Archbishop Glemp, came to terms, agreeing to condemn resistance in exchange for next June's papal visit and other concessions. The underground failed to mount an effective counterstroke, called off a planned strike and remains uncertain how to act in what it calls "a new situation".

The power structure in Poland after martial law will be a weird, almost unprecedented contraption. The army will depart, but the Communist Party — still desperately weak and divided — will not in practice resume its "leading role". Instead, Poland will be ruled by a small group of men controlling the state apparatus but responsible only to themselves. Their policy now can be summed up: to go easier on the majority, more harshly on the minority. As martial law and internment near their end, the onslaught against centers of opposition grows more hectic. The targets are the underground, the intellectuals and — significantly — recalcitrant priests who have not obeyed Glemp's change of course.

The methods are intimidation, physical violence against individuals and their property, and the offensive against the cultural unions — the actors' union shut, the film union under threat, the writers probably next for treatment.

Yet it

Qualify to meet Pakistan

Germans prevail in rough match

MELBOURNE, Australia Dec. 17 (AP) — A thrilling last-second goal and fierce conflicts between players and referees Friday highlighted the eighth day's matches at the Esso World Hockey Tournament.

While the top teams prepared for Saturday's semifinal games, the losers battled out the minor placings with West Germany and Malaysia turning on a thriller for spectators at the Royal Park Stadium.

The West Germans ran out 5-3 winners after extra-time in a match in which two players were sent off and tempers rose as the Malaysians vented their frustration in a hard fought game.

To make third round

Borg, Connors strike top form

By

MARTIN

MIAMI BEACH, Florida, Dec.

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Five-time Wimbledon champion

Bjorn Borg

cruised to a 6-4, 6-2 victory over

fourth-rounder Tim Mayotte

Thursday in the second round of the

inaugural \$300,000

Nastase-Hamilton Tennis Tournament.

Meanwhile,

1982 Wimbledon and U.S.

Open champion Jimmy Connors

needed only 65 minutes to stave off a challenge from

unseeded Henri Leconte, 6-2, 6-1, in another

second round match. Connors, 30, is the top

seed in this tournament at Turnberry Isle

Racquet Club.

Mayotte, 22, used an aggressive style

of play to hold his service and tie Borg 2-2 in

the first set. But Borg's accurate passing shots

and consistent groundstrokes cracked

Mayotte's power game and the Swede gained

a service break to go ahead 3-2.

Each player held serve through

the remainder of the first set, with Borg

seizing

taking the 6-4 advantage when

Mayotte pushed an easy forehand into the

net.

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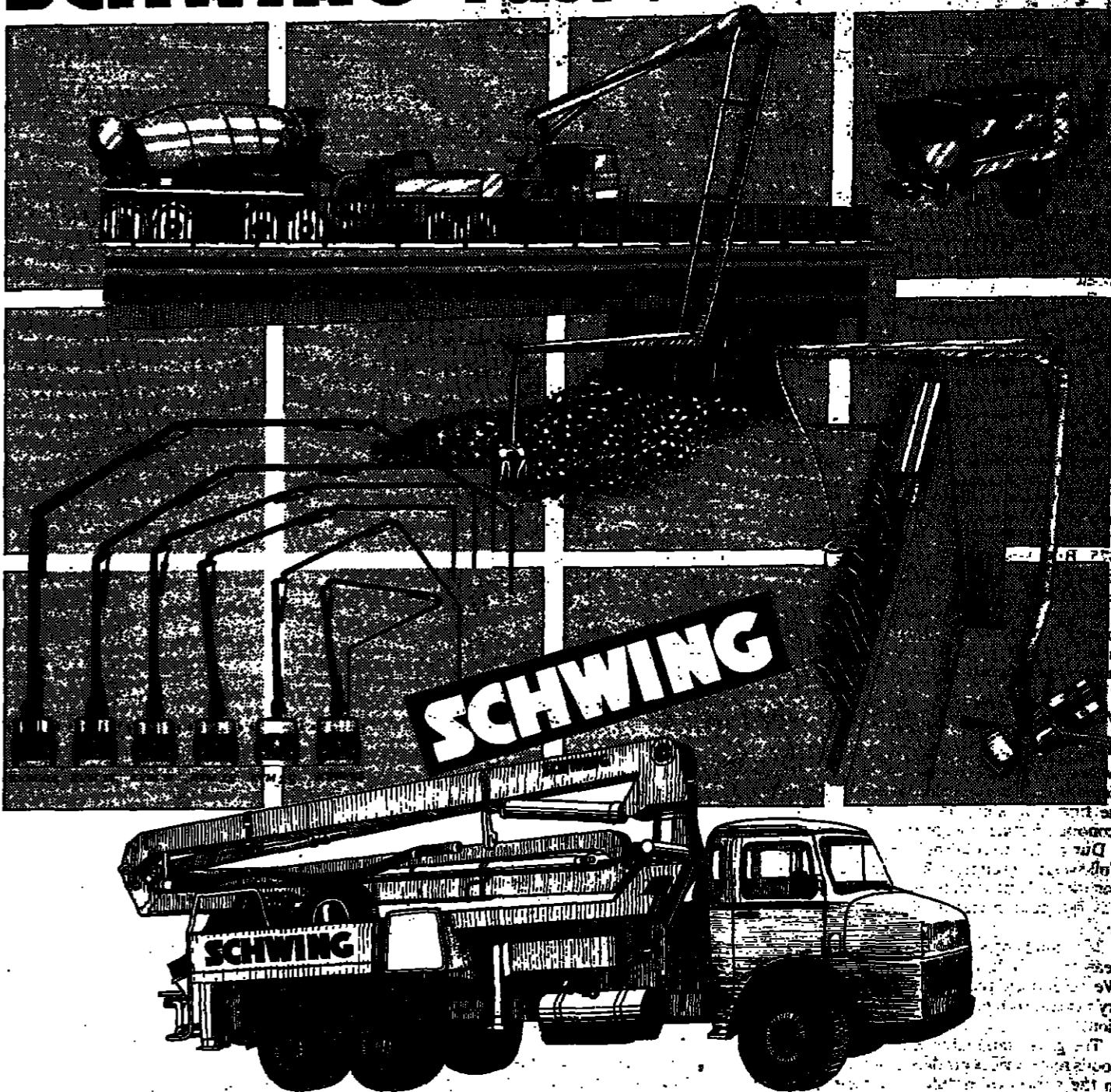
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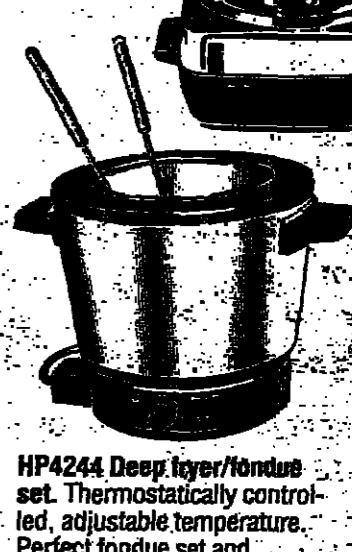


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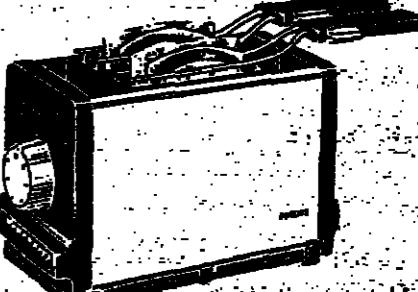
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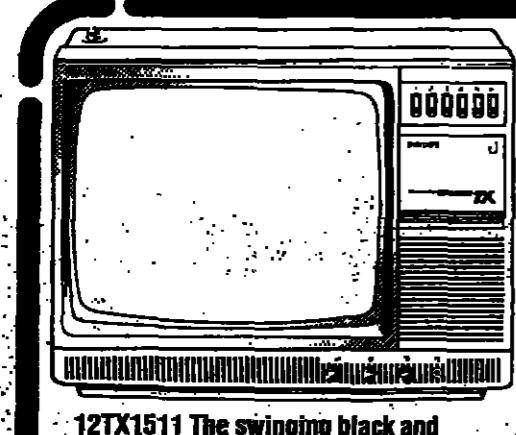


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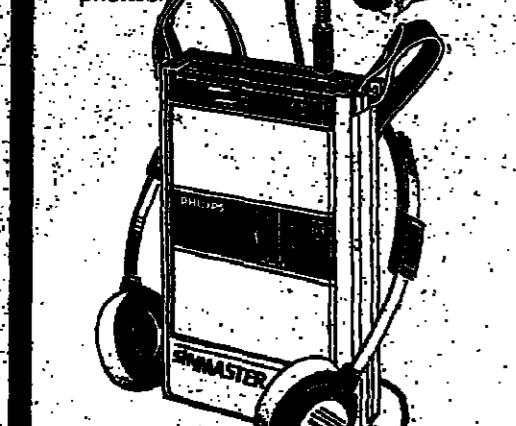
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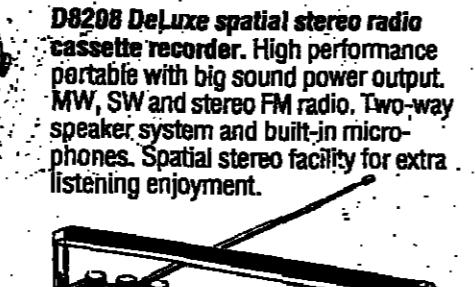
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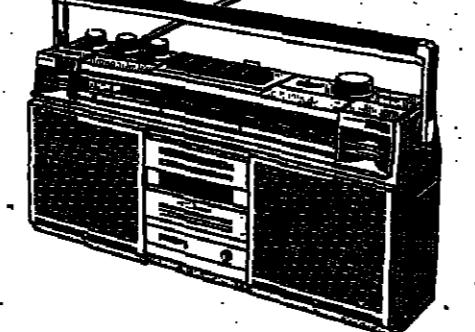
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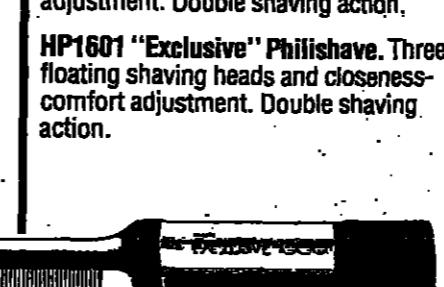
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In third quarter

U.S. registers \$4b deficit in foreign trade

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP) — The United States suffered a \$4.2 billion deficit in its foreign trade for the third quarter of this year and appears headed for its first yearly deficit since 1979, government figures have indicated.

Officials said next year almost surely would be worse. The main cause for the July-September shortfall was a jump in the deficit for trade in merchandise alone from \$5.7 billion in the second quarter to \$12.5 billion in the third.

As usual, there was a surplus in trade in services. That surplus rose about \$200 million to just under \$10 billion for the quarter, the Commerce Department report indicated.

There was a modest deficit for all other financial transactions. The nation had big deficits in merchandise trade every year since 1975. But those were outweighed by surpluses for services and other financial transactions in 1980 and 1981.

Both government and private analysts said services transportation, banking and a wide variety of other business won't be strong enough to balance the huge merchandise

deficit that may well set a record of nearly \$40 billion this year.

Thursday's third-quarter figures known as the balance of payments on the current account includes not only trade in goods and services but various investments and banking deals that send money flowing into and out of the United States. So far this year, the balance shows a deficit of about \$520 million.

In another development, the U.S. Federal Reserve Board announced Thursday United States industry operated at only 67.8 percent of its capacity last month — the lowest since the capacity statistics were started in 1948.

The latest 0.5 percent drop came as no surprise, since the Fed announced earlier this week that November's industrial production had dipped 0.4 percent.

The growth in unused production capacity was highest in the automobile and capital equipment sectors, the Fed said, adding that the steel industry was also continuing its slowdown.

During the 1973-75 recession, U.S. industry operated at no less than 69 percent of its capacity.

Volkswagen may incur loss

FRANKFURT, Dec. 17 (R) — Volkswagen, Europe's biggest carmaker, predicted that it would make a loss this year for the first time since 1975, as new signs of economic decline emerged in West Germany.

During the first nine months of the year the Volkswagen group, with extensive operations in the United States and Latin America, was 140 million marks (\$60 million) in the red.

The company's forecast of losses for the year as a whole came as the Bundesbank, West Germany's central bank, said the country's economy had slipped further into recession.

The gross national product, measuring all goods and services produced, fell 1.5 percent in the period from July to September, the third quarterly fall in a row.

Economists say it now looks certain the West Germany economy will decline by at least one percent in 1982 to the lowest level since 1979. Industrial production alone is now running at a six-year low, and the government expects no growth in the economy again next year.

Bucharest plans to boost economy

BUCHAREST, Dec. 17 (R) — President Nicolae Ceausescu called on Romanians for greater efforts to help their faltering economy and pledged to push ahead with plans for an export-led economic recovery.

Ceausescu told a national conference of the Romanian Communist Party that there would be no let-up in the current squeeze on imports and he reaffirmed official plans to halve Romania's estimated \$10 billion foreign debt by the end of 1985.

He made several allusions to the need for domestic energy conservation, indicating that stringent programs to reduce fuel consumption at home would be continued. Energy consumption, he said, should be cut by 10-15 percent.

President Ceausescu's comments on the economy in his three-hour address suggested that a lean, hard winter lies ahead for the

U.S. House to vote on Caribbean plan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP) — The House of Representatives Rules Committee cleared the way for a floor vote on President Ronald Reagan's Caribbean Basin trade program, but opponents won the right to offer amendments on behalf of U.S. tuna and tobacco industries.

Representatives of the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, U.S. possessions in the Caribbean, opposed the Caribbean Basin bill on the grounds they would be damaged by duty-free treatment of tuna and by other provisions.

The bill is the second half of Reagan's Caribbean Basin Initiative. The first part, \$350 million in direct aid to 28 countries, has been enacted.

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Tin export quota to stay unchanged

LONDON, Dec. 17 (AP) — The International Tin Council decided to keep tin exports in the first quarter of 1983 at 23,200 metric tons, unchanged from the quarter before.

Inside this amount, however, there have been slight adjustments in individual export entitlements: these are: Australia 2,241 metric tons, Indonesia 5,825 tons, Malaysia 9,621 tons, Nigeria 385 tons, Thailand 4,775 tons and Zaire 353 tons.

The council communiqué, issued at the end of the council's 3rd session under the 6th world tin pact, said: "... The council further called upon producing countries to spread their exports over the control period so that exports in any one month did not exceed one-third of their permissible tonnage..."

What the communiqué did not contain were two items which took up most of the council's three-day session. Delegates said that one was the discrepancy in prices, owing to foreign exchange fluctuations, the Penang price and that on the London Metal exchange.

Prices in London are lower than those in Penang. The buffer stock manager, however, has to keep the underpinning price above the ITC's floor price officially spelled out in Malaysian dollars.

However, he is inclined to buy in London where the tin is cheaper so as not to incur any losses when he sells it. The council found that this was inevitable and no special action was called for, delegate sources said.

The second point which caused some discussion was Indonesia's application to be allowed to stockpile 10,000 metric tons of tin ore concentrates at home. This stockpile is being caused by export controls which are restricting exports but not production.

With plants run by robots Japanese zippers dominate global marts

KUROBE, Japan Dec. 17 (AP) — Although 5,000 people are said to work here in three shifts, hardly a soul is in sight at the main factory complex of Yoshida Kogyo (YKK), the world's largest maker of zippers.

A ride on electric carts through the 330-acre (120-hectare) labyrinth of factory buildings reveals an overwhelming array of industrial robots and automated assemblers, all churning away unattended, making zippers.

Zippers may not be as glamorous as Japan's automobiles, hi-fi equipment and computer hardware, but they have given YKK a fast hold on success.

What began in 1934 when few employees using hand-powered machines is now a multinational giant with factories in 37 countries and production lines that epitomize the industrial prowess that has made Japan an economic superpower.

Now unopposed in Japan, YKK has captured 25 percent of the world zipper market. This year it estimates it will have total sales of \$2.5 billion and produce 1.9 million kilometers of zipper.

"That's long enough to go to the moon and back two-and-a-half times," boasts Tadao Yoshida, YKK's 74-year-old president and founder.

From his headquarters in Kurobe, on the Japan Sea about 159 miles (255 kilometers) west of Tokyo, Yoshida has built an empire he claims is based on his golden-rule business philosophy, which he calls "the cycle of goodness."

"We think of capital as a loan," Yoshida says in his sandy voice. "And everybody in the company takes part in managing it."

The idea is not a revolutionary one in Japan, where most companies are heavily financed by banks and the debt-to-equity ratio often runs as high as 7 to 3. But YKK debt financing also involves circumventing the banks for a considerable chunk of its cash.

In a profit sharing plan, employees return at least 10 percent of their wages to the company and half of their annual bonuses. But it

is not compulsory, however, as many as 90 percent of YKK's 14,500 Japanese workers in six plants and numerous offices throughout the country participate in the plan. They are paid interest by YKK that is competitive with banking accounts. They eventually receive stock options in the company.

Yoshida's only other attempt at diversification was to go into aluminum production. Sales of aluminum materials — 99 percent occurring in Japan — are listed at 270 billion yen (about \$1 billion) and have long superseded domestic zipper revenues. But while YKK's profits are secret, the fastener industry worldwide appears to be its bread and butter.

Yoshida says he has successfully skirted trade friction in the years by establishing plants overseas rather than flooding foreign markets with his cheaper and better zippers.

He employs 8,500 workers abroad and he says YKK never takes profit out of a country that is more than that necessary to repay the "interest" on his "loans."

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Papandreou lays stress on austerity

ATHENS, Dec. 17 (R) — Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou, in a televised address to the nation, called on workers to accept the need for an austere incomes policy in 1983.

The Socialist prime minister also promised that any drop in living standards suffered by workers next year would be fully made up to them at the start of 1984.

He said Greece needed higher productivity and technological progress if its goods were to become competitive, and unemployment, which he estimated Thursday night at seven to eight percent, were to fall.

Structural changes in the economy will require patience and persistence as well as close cooperation between people and government," Papandreou said.

Under the 1983 incomes policy, which parliament made mandatory for private firms Thursday, workers' wages are to lag behind the inflation rate for the first eight months.

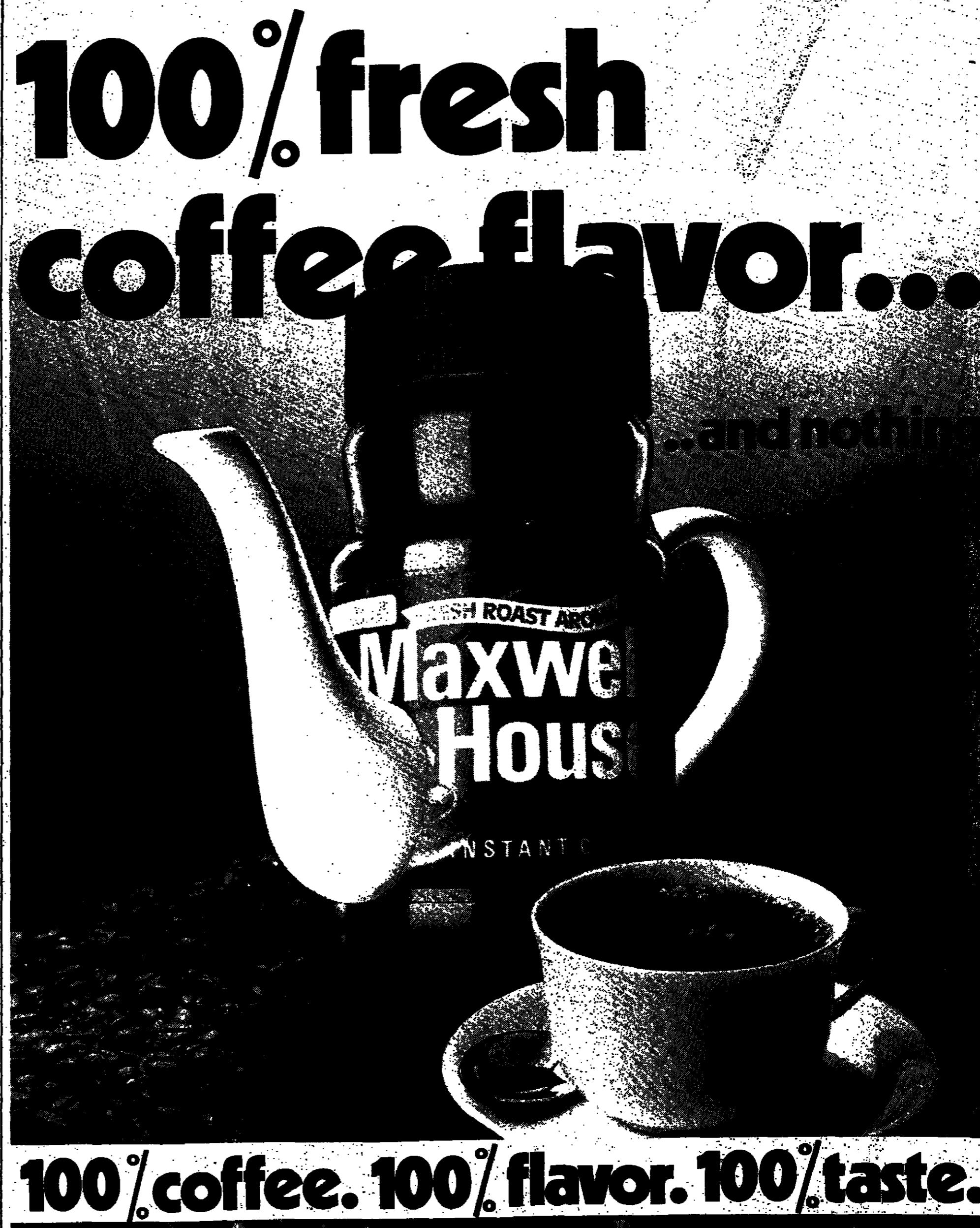
Papandreou made clear that the government intended to continue its policy of taking

over any firms that are deeply indebted to state banks and "socializing" them — setting up boards that include local government officials and workers' representatives, to run them. He said a new state enterprise grouping of socialized firms would be created early next year.

EEC seeks urgent talks with Turkey

BRUSSELS, Dec. 17 (R) — The European Economic Community has called an emergency meeting with Turkey to seek an explanation of the Ankara government's imposition of duties on a range of Community Market iron and steel exports officials have said.

Turkey imposed a 15 percent levy on 45 community products Monday in a move officials here believe was in response to Common Market import restrictions on Turkish textiles.



As panel parleys open

Oteiba hopeful of OPEC accord

VIENNA, Dec. 17 (AP) — OPEC's market monitoring committee opened a day-long meeting Friday in an effort to find compromises that will smooth over differences in the oil body.

The meeting coincides with warnings from the United Arab Emirates that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries could collapse unless its 13 members reach agreement at their year-end ministerial session, which opens here Sunday.

Speaking to reporters shortly after arriving in Vienna, U.A.E. Oil Minister Mana said Oteiba, the committee chairman, also said the problems facing OPEC were serious ones. "We hope to be able to ease the market problems," he said, adding "there is no magical solution." "Some countries will have to make sacrifices," added OPEC Secretary General Marc Nguema in an interview with Austrian radio.

The monitoring committee will review the price-and-supply situation on world oil markets, and make recommendations for the full ministerial session.

Industry analysts say the committee may propose increasing the OPEC's overall production ceiling, now set at 17.5 million barrels a day but ignored by some member countries.

Despite a continued glut on worldwide oil markets this year, some OPEC members have broken OPEC's agreement by cutting prices and boosting output in an effort to increase sales.

Foreign Exchange Rates

	Quoted at 5:30 p.m. Thursday	Cash Transfer
Bahrain Dinar	9.10	9.135
Bangladesh Taka	—	72.45
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	14.30
Canadian Dollar	279.00	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	143.00	142.75
Dutch Guilder (100)	129.50	129.35
Egyptian Pound	3.25	3.28
Emirati Dirham (100)	93.25	93.70
French Franc (1,000)	50.65	50.52
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	48.70
Indonesian Rupiah (100)	—	35.37
Iraqi Dinar	6.25	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	24.70	24.60
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	14.25
Jordanian Dinar	9.67	9.65
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.88	11.865
LebANESE Lira (100)	87.95	87.78
Moroccan Dirham (100)	54.63	53.85
Pakistani Rupee (100)	28.10	26.59
Philippines Peso (100)	—	2.00
Polish Zloty (100)	5.62	5.605
Qatari Riyal (100)	93.50	94.56
Romanian Leu (100)	30.20	26.90
Saudi Riyal (1,000)	168.00	167.85
Syrian Lira (100)	60.25	60.45
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—
U.S. Dollar	3.45	3.44
Yemeni Riyal (100)	75.50	75.10
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OPEC sources said Venezuelan Oil Minister Humberto Calderon Berti met privately earlier Friday with Mallam Yahaya Dikko, Nigerian minister, in what was the first of many expected behind-the-scenes negotiations before the start of Sunday's meeting.

In Abu Dhabi, the UAE government-run news agency warned that unless the OPEC ministers overcome their differences the Vienna meeting, OPEC will suffer badly.

The Friday session was chaired by Oteiba, and included Calderon and Indonesian Oil Minister Subroto.

Iran and Iraq, both in need of money to finance their border war, are expected to seek

an increase in their production quotas at the ministerial session.

OPEC imposed its first-ever quota system in March, but it broke down last summer when ministers could not agree whether to extend the ceilings.

Since then, Venezuela, Libya, Iran and others began producing above their agreed-upon quotas. Subroto Thursday estimated current overall production for the cartel was slightly more than 19 million barrels a day.

Meanwhile, analysts said there was a growing chance OPEC would mend its differences and avoid a price war as ministers gathered for their year-end pricing conference.

Mexico set to tide over crisis

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (R) — International banks have responded favorably to a Mexican request for a \$5 billion loan which would signal a breakthrough in efforts to solve the country's crisis, monetary sources said.

The sources said Thursday the banking community's response was likely to pave the way for the executive board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to approve a \$3.84 billion loan agreement at a meeting in Washington next week.

Mexico, which is also seeking to reschedule about a quarter of its \$88 billion external debt, would impose economic austerity measures under the terms of the IMF accord.

Banking sources said a deadline for more than 1,000 creditor banks to make commitments to the loan passed Wednesday night without all having done so, but they added that this did not appear to be a setback.

They said the deadline was missed because of the logistical problems involved in marshalling so many banks around the world and in collecting their responses.

"It's a giant undertaking," an official of one major bank said. "The responses are likely to be finally tallied by early next week."

A 13-member advisory group of leading creditor banks, which has been working closely with the Mexican government on the country's new financial plan, was receiving telex messages from other banks and tallying regional totals.

The monetary and banking sources said it appeared that the total funds committed would be near, though perhaps not exactly equal to, the \$5 billion target.

IMF Managing Director Jacques de Larosiere had told the banks that he would not recommend that the fund's board approve Mexico's IMF loan unless banks assured him they would provide adequate funding. In addition to the bank loan, he has asked other official bodies to put up \$2 billion in 1983. He said that without the new money, Mexico would not be able to meet the economic conditions imposed in the IMF accord.

De Larosiere had sought commitments by Wednesday. But monetary sources said Thursday the IMF was being flexible about the deadline and was aware of the positive responses which were coming in to the loan request.

BRIEFS

United States will start negotiations next June on a treaty covering investments, it was announced here. The treaty would mainly be intended to foster U.S. investment in China. Officials explained after the meeting of the joint Sino-American economic committee. The three-day session was presided over by Chinese Finance Minister Wang Bingqian and U.S. Treasury Secretary Donald Regan.

OSLO, (AFP) — Norway has decided to challenge intense international campaigning against the country's whaling policy, the newspaper *Aftenposten* has said. In a first step, Norway has appointed an American lawyer to lobby in the United States for the views put forward by the Norwegian government and the Federation of Fishermen. *Aftenposten* said, although a spokesman for the fishermen's federation declined to comment on this.

MANAMA, (AFP) — Bahrain chalked up satisfactory growth in national revenue this year despite a difficult world economic environment, the state's emir, Sheikh Issa ibn Salman Al-Khalifa, has said. In an address to mark his country's National Day, Sheikh Issa said that Bahrain had begun to implement its four-year economic and social development program. He added that some \$1.3 billion had been allocated to the country's industry over the past 10 years.

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — Iraq can buy \$210 million worth of U.S. grain next year under a credit arrangement agreed by the U.S. Agriculture Department. Guarantees have been granted covering the purchase of wheat for \$120 million, rice for \$80 million and fodder for \$10 million.

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Gold surges

Dollar rates shed gains

LONDON, Dec. 17 (AP) — The U.S. dollar fell on European exchanges in trading Friday in what dealers said was reaction to the large American trade deficit. The dollar's weakness helped push gold higher.

Dealers pointed to Thursday's announcement of third-quarter imbalance in U.S. trade payments of \$4.23 billion. This indicated the U.S. currency was overvalued, the dealers said.

The only exception to the dollar's weakness was in London, where the British pound was losing ground. Sterling was quoted at \$1.6183, compared with 1.6200 on Thursday.

Other dollar rates compared with Thursday: -2.4020 West German marks, down from 2.4200. 2.0395 Swiss francs, down from 2.0600. 6.8250 French francs, down from 6.8625. 2.6515 Dutch guilders, down from 2.6678. 1.3955 Italian lira, down from 1.408.50. 1.2366 Canadian dollars, down from 1.2398.

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Hong Kong 439.37

U.K. inflation dips to 6.3% in November

LONDON, Dec. 17 (R) — Britain's inflation rate fell last month to 6.3 percent, its lowest level for more than 10 years, the employment ministry said Friday.

The year-on-year increase in prices slipped from 6.8 percent and Employment Minister Norman Tebbit forecast that lower mortgage rates would bring further falls to below six percent early next year.

He told a news conference that inflation, the Conservative government's top concern, was now one percentage point lower than the average in the non-Communist industrialized countries.

But he added: "There is still some way to go to match the U.S., West Germany and Japan." The policies which have given us this success must be maintained. Pay settlements are the key to keeping prices down."

The November figure was the lowest since July 1972. A year ago the rate was 12 percent, and in August 1975 it touched its highest point of 26.9 percent.

Bonn, Paris rebut market rumors

BRUSSELS, Dec. 17 (R) — West Germany and France Friday firmly denied widespread rumors on foreign exchange markets that they planned to realign their currencies in the European Monetary System (EMS).

West German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg told Reuters ahead of a meeting of European Economic Community finance ministers that the mark would not be revalued and that there would be no discussion of an EMS realignment at Friday's talks. "The mark is a strong currency but it does not need to be revalued," he said. "There will be no discussion of an EMS realignment."

Stoltenberg's views were echoed by French Finance Minister Jacques Delors. The franc has been under strong speculative attack in the system, in which eight community currencies float within fixed limits.

U.K. stands firm on refunds issue

BRUSSELS, Dec. 17 (R) — Britain Friday insisted that a \$850-million refund on its payments to the European Economic Community's 1982 budget must be paid by the end of the year, despite the opposition of the European Parliament.

British officials said Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Geoffrey Howe told a meeting of community finance ministers that other governments must stick to the deal made in October to pay this year.

The European Parliament Thursday threw out the proposals to pay the cash, but the British officials said Sir Geoffrey was urging the other members of the 12-nation community to find alternative means to repay Britain.

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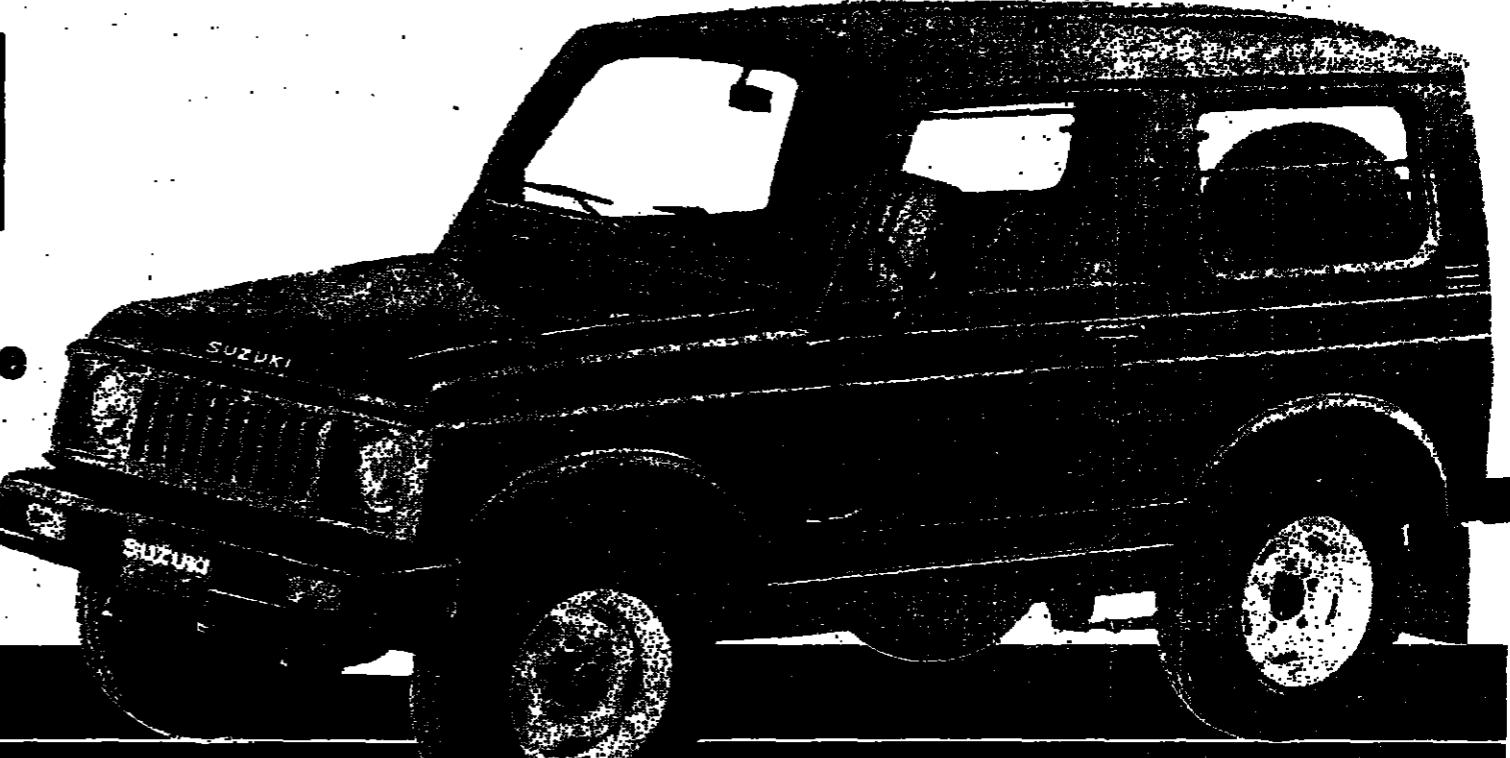


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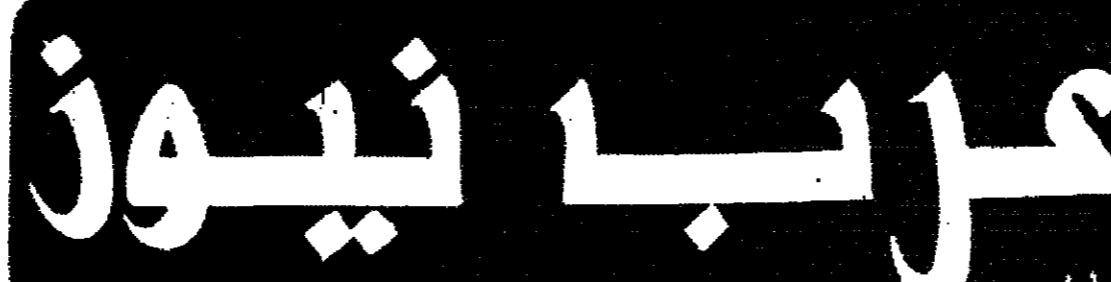
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Parliament obliges by voting Kohl out

BONN, Dec. 17 (AP) — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl intentionally lost a vote of confidence in parliament Friday after his Christian Democratic Party abstained at his request.

The vote was 218 against the chancellor, with 8 votes for him and 248 abstentions. Kohl had arranged in advance to lose the confidence vote so that he could then ask President Karl Carstens to dissolve parliament and call early elections.

Kohl came to power Oct. 1 promising early elections next spring. Short of resigning from

the chancellorship, losing a confidence vote was the only constitutional way the chancellor could ask Carstens to call the elections.

By going the confidence vote route, Kohl will be able to campaign for the spring elections as the incumbent chancellor, an advantage he would have lost had he resigned. Kohl grinned broadly as the vote was announced and his supporters cheered.

The vote followed hours of debate and a half-hour speech by Kohl in which he insisted that arranging to lose the confidence vote was constitutional and necessary to have elections on March 6, before their regularly scheduled date of 1984.

"All parties represented in the German Bundestag (parliament) want new elections. By far the greater majority of our citizens want also new elections. I am convinced that the desired new elections are necessary ... to bring into order the state budget, to create jobs and reinvigorate the economy ..." Kohl said.

His opponents said they too favored new elections, but said Kohl should have resigned to bring them about rather than going through the "constitutionally questionable" route of arranging to lose a confidence vote.

"We want new elections, but damage to the constitution should not be allowed," said deputy Helga Schuchardt. She was a member of the Free Democrat Party but resigned after her party abandoned a coalition with former Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and voted with conservatives in parliament to elect Kohl Chancellor on Oct. 1.

Both Mrs. Schuchardt and former Chancellor Willy Brandt, Social Democrat, said Kohl, a Christian Democrat, should resign if he wants new elections. "If you want new elections, it would have been best if you had taken the constitutionally trouble-free way — resignation," Brandt said.

"If we can do this today, any government in the future despite the constitution can complete the tasks it wants to do and then call new elections," Brandt said.

The specter of frequent elections is distasteful to West Germans because of their history between the two world wars, when in 13 years they were called to the polls eight times. The political chaos in this period, known as the Weimar era, helped fuel the rise of Adolf Hitler, who took advantage of the warring party factions to come to power legally.

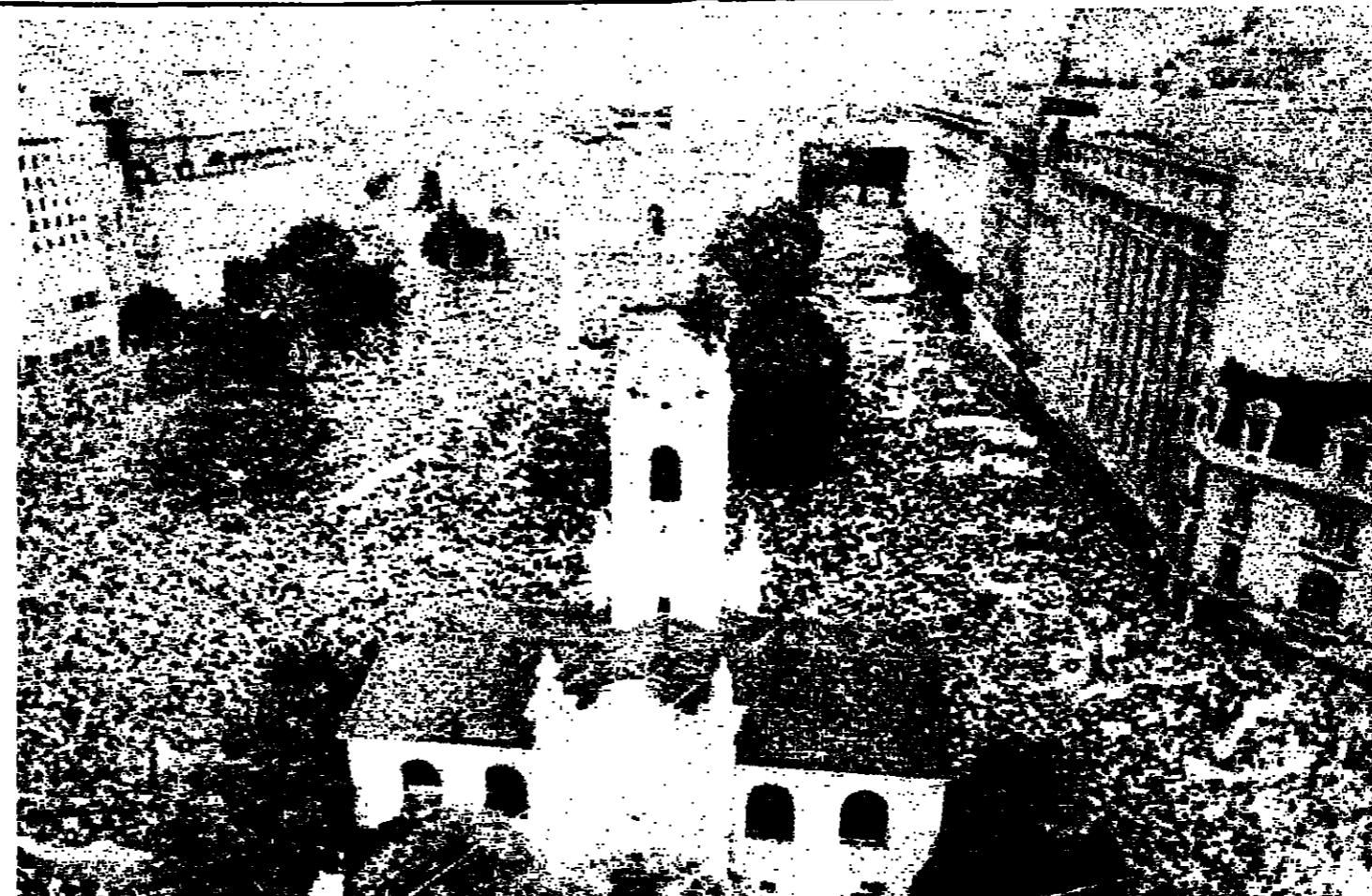
After World War II, the authors of the West German constitution, seeking to avoid a repetition of Weimar, decided that elections should be held every four years unless the chancellor finds himself without a majority in parliament.

Kohl's critics are saying that by arranging to lose the confidence vote, he is making it look though he does not have a majority in parliament, although in reality he has and is therefore manipulating the constitution just to get early elections. Carstens has 21 days to decide whether to call the new elections, which Kohl wants held on March 6.

Fedorchuk, head of the KGB since May, replaced Nikolai Shchelokov, a close associate of the late President Leonid Brezhnev, as minister on internal affairs. The new head of the KGB will be Viktor Chebrikov, until now one of two first deputies to Fedorchuk.

Fedorchuk is believed to be a close associate of Brezhnev's successor Yuri Andropov, who headed the KGB for 15 years until May. The KGB is responsible for guarding Soviet borders, foreign intelligence and counterespionage, and for investigating serious crime, including political offenses.

The Ministry of Internal Affairs (MVD) is in charge of the uniformed Soviet police and of most criminal investigations. It also handles all questions concerning residence permits, passports and foreign travel.



MASSIVE RALLY: At least 100,000 anti-government protesters demanding return to democracy Thursday crowd the historic Plaza in Buenos Aires where the governmental palace is situated.

Ankara seeks extradition

Arrested Turk denies plot against pope

given guarantees that I will not be arrested on my arrival in Rome."

A report received in Vienna said the Bulgarian prosecutor had invited Judge Martella to come to Sofia, and had offered his assistance in the investigation.

In Rome Friday, the English language newspaper, *Daily American*, said Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu had been informed in April 1981, by Romanian diplomats in Sofia, of a Bulgarian plan to assassinate the pope, and that he sought to dissuade Sofia authorities.

Quoting "Romanian diplomats who recently arrived in Europe to renegotiate Romania's external debt," the paper said Bulgarian authorities replied to President Ceausescu that his information was unfounded.

Celenk has been accused of paying off Mehmet Ali Agca, serving a life sentence in Italy for the assassination attempt. He said at the press conference that he was prepared to go to Rome to argue his innocence before investigating Judge Barin Martella "if the Bulgarian authorities permit it" and "if I am

U.S. Air Force gets Cruises

ROME, New York, Dec. 17 (AP) — The Cruise missile became a part of the U.S. Air Force Arsenal, with Griffiss Air Force base the first to get the nuclear weapon that flies at tree-top level.

Beginning Thursday, some of the 16 B-52 bombers in the 416th bombardment wing will carry a half-dozen of the missiles under each wing — the first of what eventually will be a 200-plane force which could launch a strike at the Soviet Union on 10 minutes' notice.

The air-launched Cruise missile program also is targeted for seven other bases of the Strategic Air Command.

Dr. Irwin Redlener of Utica, a spokesman for the 30,000-member Physicians for Social Responsibility, said deploying the missile at Griffiss was a local tragedy and a move calculated to goad the Soviets into extending the arms race.

"In the event of war, this area would be saturated with nuclear weapons, and it would become essentially uninhabitable and unsurvivable," he said Wednesday.

Proponents say the missiles, which fly at 804 kph, can hit targets with computer-controlled accuracy from up to 2,413 kilometers away. The USSR has no Cruise missiles.

Cruise missiles cost about \$one million a piece and carry a 300-kiloton bomb with an explosive force 15 times greater than the one dropped on Hiroshima, Japan. The terrain-following Cruise missile is designed to strike targets inside the Soviet Union from beyond the range of Soviet defenses, flying under the Soviet radar.

The Cruise figures heavily in Pentagon planning. In addition to the air force, the navy plans to buy thousands of Cruise missiles and put them on a variety of ships, including the newly renovated World War II battleships. In addition, the United States plans to deploy more than 400 nuclear-tipped Cruise missiles in Europe along with Pershing II missiles, starting next year.

Filipino newsmen trial opens

MANILA, Dec. 17 (R) — An opposition newspaper editor and nine of his staff were accused of mounting a vilification campaign against Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos when their trial on charges of subversion opened here Friday.

Jose Burgos, editor-publisher of the tabloid *We Forum*, and his staff, including four columnists, have already pleaded not guilty to the charges, which carry a maximum penalty of death. The first prosecution witness, Col. Balibino Diego of the presidential security command, said in an affidavit that *We Forum* "has consistently incited the people to rise in arms against the government through its slanted news reporting and its regular columns."

The campaign against the president was Pole gets death penalty

WARSAW, Dec. 17 (R) — Poland's former ambassador to Japan, Zofislaw Rutarz, has been sentenced to death in his absence for high treason by a Warsaw military court, the official news agency PAP said Friday. The court also confiscated all his property, PAP said.

Madrid talks adjourn

MADRID, Dec. 17 (AFP) — The Helsinki follow-up Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) Friday agreed to adjourn until Feb. 8 after making no progress since reconvening early in November. The conference groups 35 delegations representing all Europe minus Albania plus the United States and Canada.

The conference resumed on Nov. 9 after a suspension of eight months. During their latest session the 35 countries discussed a draft final document presented by neutral and nonaligned nations. No progress was recorded but the debate was less acrimonious than in the earlier session.



Giant rally condemns Argentine army rule

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 17 (AP) — More than 100,000 Argentines jammed this capital's main square Thursday to shout their disgust with the military regime and urge the generals to speed up their promised retreat from government.

A mass march through the city center was peaceful, but the rally in the Plaza de Mayo culminated in violent clashes between police and youthful demonstrators.

The federal police said late Thursday that one man, an unidentified civilian, died of gunshot wounds in the disturbances following the march. The police communiqué said 30 civilians and 35 police were injured and 120 persons were arrested.

"March for democracy," an event sponsored by a coalition of five political parties and backed by virtually all partisan and union organizations, was by far the largest anti-government demonstration since the armed forces seized power in a March 1976 coup.

Peronists — followers of the late army strongman turned President Juan Peron — radicals, Socialists, Communists and a dozen other parties participated in the march. Human rights organizations, labor federations, civic and cultural groups joined in the chants condemning the regime.

"The military dictatorship is going to fall," they chanted, as well as "liberty" and "firing squads for all the military men who sold out the nation".

The privately-owned news agency Dyn estimated the crowd at 110,000. A police communiqué put the number at 25,000.

Before the violent incidents, the ten-block march and the subsequent rally in the Plaza had a festive air, with vendors selling ice cream and sky-blue and white Argentine flags beneath partly sunny late spring skies.

Organizers of the march presented a document in the Plaza calling for the regime to hand power to elected authorities no later than Oct. 12, 1983.

The government of President Gen. Reynaldo Bigonzo has promised elections in the last four months of 1983, with power handed over before the following March.

The document signed by representatives of the five parties in the coalition, also called for the repeal of the 8-year-old state of seige, which granted emergency powers to the executive branch, and it called for allowing unrestricted union activity and liberty for some 250 political prisoners.

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Sydney	13	66	26	79
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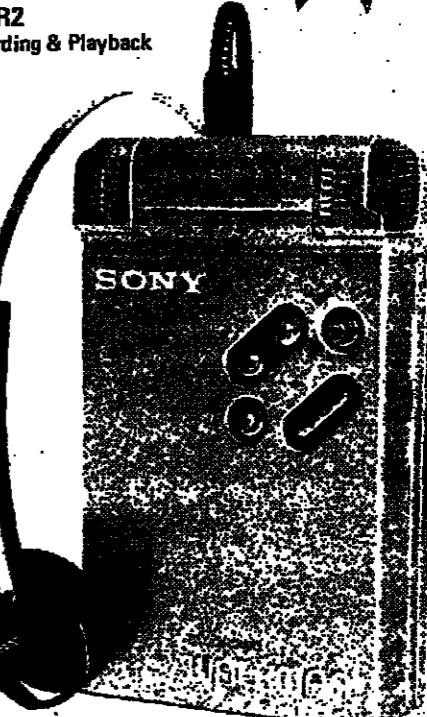
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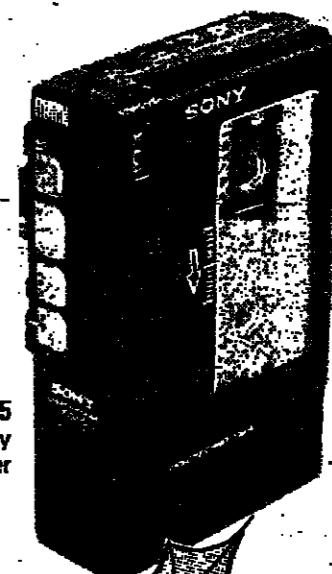
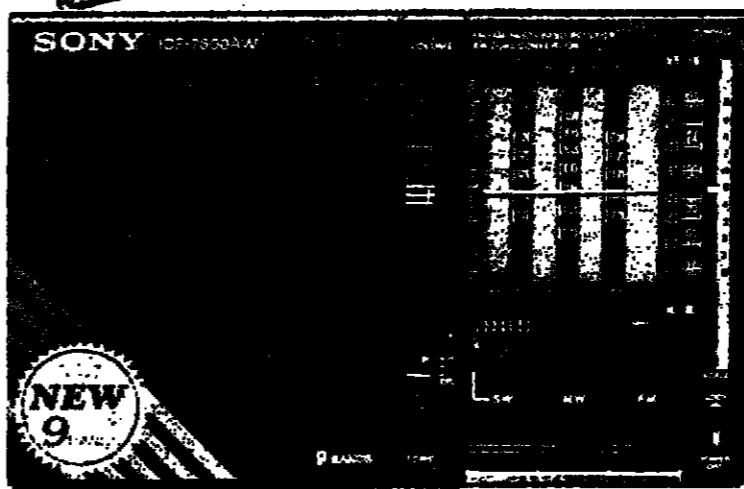
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Winner of a myriad awards

At 74, Dr. Michael DeBakey strives for perfection in medical field

By Carol Kakalec Schappanah

HOUSTON — There is a certain degree of anticipation when one is about to meet a celebrity. I had that feeling as I was shown into the conference room at Methodist Hospital in Houston to wait for Dr. Michael DeBakey. Two walls of the room were filled with some of the myriad awards, recognitions and achievements of this world famous cardiovascular surgeon.

In the center of the certificates was a picture of Dr. DeBakey wearing a blue surgical scrub suit standing at the window of his operating room. Before I could read even half of the plaques, he walked in through a side door looking familiar, even though we had never met; in his blue scrub suit, white laboratory coat and surgical mask hanging loose around his neck. He extended a friendly hand and said, "Hello, I'm Dr. DeBakey."

Michael Ellis DeBakey is perhaps the best known heart surgeon in the world. His medical career has spanned four decades with substantial contributions to the field of medicine, particularly to cardiovascular surgery. At age 74, DeBakey is fit and as enthusiastic about his work as any young resident in his training program.

There is no doubt that DeBakey is a unique individual. Men of his stature are few and far between. Medicine is his life's work as well as his recreation and relaxation. This interest extends to the education of other physicians and the public. He has brought glory and prestige to his country as well as to his Arabic heritage.

Dr. DeBakey's parents immigrated to the United States from Lebanon at the end of the 19th century. As young children growing up in Lake Charles, Louisiana, DeBakey, his brother and two sisters were instilled with the values he exhibits today: perseverance, determination and compassion. Insistence on excellence is perhaps his hallmark, something he demands of himself and of every doctor passing through his program. Dr. Hartwell Whisenand, a former student and now DeBakey associate, remembers that, "Dr. DeBakey always taught us to strive for perfection. We have to be precise with particular attention to even the smallest detail. He reminded us constantly that mediocrity is the enemy of every good physician."

While DeBakey was still in medical school he began setting the standards that would distinguish his career. As a student, he developed a modified roller pump for use in blood transfusions. This device was a notable improvement over the pumps being used at that time. It was later incorporated into the heart-lung machine which made the first open-heart surgery a success. This machine, which functions as the patient's heart and lungs during the operation, has made possible the life-saving advances in open-heart surgery.

After finishing his training at Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana, DeBakey went abroad to do post-graduate work at the universities of Strasbourg and Heidelberg. Upon his return to the United States, Dr. DeBakey accepted a position on the surgical faculty at his alma mater, Tulane University. During his tenure, he took leave to serve his country in World War II. By the end of the war, DeBakey had attained the rank of a colonel in the office of the surgeon general, a rank he still holds in the Reserve Army.

In 1948 Dr. DeBakey left his native Louisiana to assume the position of chairman of surgery at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. At that time, the college did not enjoy the national reputation it does today. DeBakey's precise and organized manner along with intense medical research brought the college into the public eye in the early 1950s. It was this decade that saw developments and procedures that made medical history.

In August 1953, Dr. DeBakey saw a 53-year-old bus driver who was experiencing weakness in his right arm and leg and was having trouble in talking and writing. Test results showed that the man had insufficient blood flow to his brain through the left carotid artery. This artery, which carries oxygenated blood from the heart to the brain, was partially blocked by materials in the blood. Until this time, patients with this condition had little hope of resuming normal

lives, but Dr. DeBakey, confident from experimentation, decided to operate and remove the blockage. This was the first time such a procedure had been successfully done on this vital artery. The operation was a major breakthrough in the prevention and treatment of strokes.

At the same time, DeBakey and his associates were working on a project to develop artificial arteries made of woven fabric. These fabric arteries, called grafts, were necessary as replacements for sections of diseased, natural arteries. In his experiments, Dr. DeBakey took sheets of various materials and fashioned them into tubes. He did this by sewing the edges together on his wife's sewing machine. After extensive experience in the laboratory, DeBakey concluded that the Dacron fabric was the best and in September 1954 he successfully used his machine stitched graft to repair an abdominal aneurysm (a permanently expanded section of a blood vessel) in a 54-year-old man.

Improvements on the graft continued and Dr. DeBakey worked with a textile expert who developed a special machine to knit seamless tubes in different sizes to be used instead of the machine-stitched ones. Studies on thousands of patients having these artificial artery grafts prove that they can be expected to resume normal life functions.

During 1950s, DeBakey continued to operate and develop new procedures for treatment of aneurysms and occluded (blocked) blood vessels. The developments

resulted in a series of medically significant "firsts" which included repair and/or replacement on most major blood vessels in the body. Today these procedures are performed hundreds of times each day around the world saving as many lives.

These operations provided some of the information necessary for the first coronary artery bypass which Dr. DeBakey performed in 1964. The procedure becomes necessary when the patient has a blockage in the coronary artery. This is the artery which supplies the heart itself with blood. The surgeon removes a segment of a long vein from the patient's leg and attaches one end below the blocked coronary artery. The other end is attached to the aorta, the main vessel carrying blood out of the heart. By adding this extra section of vein, the blockage is bypassed and the heart receives its required amount of blood.

"We do this operation about 10 to 12 times each day," Dr. DeBakey said. It has become the most common heart surgery providing relief to people who have suffered heart attacks. Since the first one in the 1960s, Dr. DeBakey estimates that he and his team have performed this operation more than 30,000 times.

In addition to the procedures he has perfected, DeBakey has developed more than 50 surgical instruments and tools. He also pioneered the development of artificial heart valves used to replace damaged and diseased valves.

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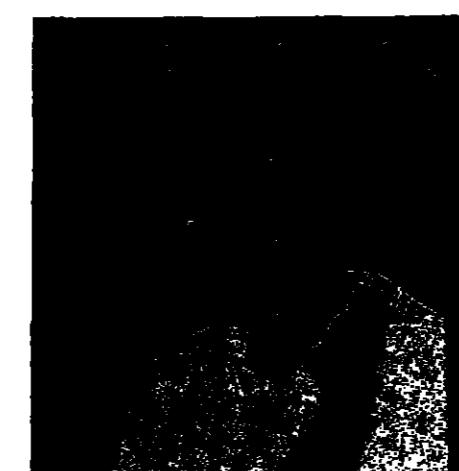
(Replies to and from readers):

Dear Dr. Steinicrohn: We're quite a pair, my friend and I. We're not youngsters, but not old either, AT 52 apiece. We used to enjoy taking evening walks. Lately, he gets chest pains and has to stop to rest. As for myself, I get leg cramps so badly, I have to rest also. After a few minutes, we both carry on again. My friend made an appointment with his doctor. He thinks he may have angina. I'm going to see my doctor, too. What's your guess about my condition? — **Mr. L.**

Dear Mr. L.: I'll guess, but leave the specific diagnosis to your doctor. Your symptoms are called "intermittent claudication." Your cramps are due to arteriosclerotic changes in your leg arteries. Your doctor will also check for diabetes and hypertension.

For Mrs. K.: There are two types of lupus. One affects only the skin and is called discoid lupus. The other may affect other body organs and is called systemic lupus erythematosus. In the latter instance, the patient may require special experts for treatment: a rheumatologist, a hematologist (specialist in blood diseases) and a nephrologist (specialist in kidney diseases). I think your doctor will be willing to call in any consultants your sister may need.

(Tomorrow: Allergic rhinitis)



Dr. Michael DeBakey

It is said that Dr. DeBakey is so technically precise that what may be difficult for an average surgeon is easy for him. He has shown that heart surgery can be safely performed and the patient restored to a better state of health than he enjoyed before the operation.

Dr. DeBakey considers research an essential part of his practice. The death of a patient makes the surgeon realize the limit of his knowledge. This is what makes research so vital. DeBakey reiterates that advances made by medical researchers or surgical teams must reflect credit on work done by others in the past and related work in the present as well.

As important as doing research and repairing hearts is the education of young physicians. DeBakey has been involved in disseminating knowledge throughout his career. This started in the 1940s with his teaching positions at Tulane Medical School and Baylor College of Medicine. In addition to his surgery and research, Dr. DeBakey has served in several administrative capacities at Baylor, providing teaching hospital affiliations for his students.

In 1969 DeBakey was appointed president of Baylor and now serves as chancellor of the institution while retaining his position as chairman of surgery. Since coming to Houston in 1948, he has been involved in training some 3,200 physicians in various specialties.

Surgeons trained in Dr. DeBakey's cardiovascular program number more than 575 and hail from some 35 countries. Many of them represent the Arab world. These skilled surgeons go on to other teaching institutions, many returning to practice in their home countries. In this way the expertise and knowledge is passed on to other students.

Dr. DeBakey has been involved in writing over 1000 articles and chapters for professional books and journals. He does not, however, limit his attention to educating physicians. DeBakey is acutely aware of the importance of educating the public about the dangers of heart disease and what can be done to prevent it.

To this end, he co-authored a book entitled *The Living Heart* which explains, in nontechnical language, how the heart itself works as well as the disease processes that can damage it.

Dr. DeBakey spends approximately one-third of his time traveling. The trips take him to meetings around the United States and he regularly travels to foreign countries. He is generally the featured speaker at these meetings, explaining new procedures or receiving an award from one international society or another. Because of his skill and knowledge, he is often requested to treat dignitaries, including presidents and kings.

Dr. DeBakey is not a stranger to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. In 1976 he met with government officials and, ultimately, with the late King Khalid bin Abdul Aziz to discuss the possibility of establishing an open-heart surgery program at the King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Center in Riyadh. The program was approved and in May 1978, DeBakey and the first team arrived in Riyadh.

There are five senior surgeons, all trained by DeBakey, each of whom spends three months per year in Riyadh. Each brings a complete operating team including a junior surgeon, anesthetist, nurses and technicians. Dr. DeBakey himself travels to Riyadh once a year to oversee the program and perform surgery.

"We are pleased," DeBakey said, "that our results in Saudi Arabia are virtually the same as they are in Houston." This is a credit to the skill of the surgeons and teams as well as the facilities with which they are provided. Since the program began, the teams have performed over 1,600 operations. Of those, more than 1,200 were cardiac cases, over half requiring the use of the heart-lung machine.

Dr. DeBakey commanded the royal family not only for their cooperation and participation in the heart program at King Faisal Specialist Hospital but also for the work they support in providing more health-care facilities and educational institutions for the people of the Kingdom.

Dr. Michael DeBakey's life has been dedicated to saving the lives of others. After more than 40 years as a physician, the cardiovascular surgeon continues to operate daily and develop instruments and procedures which allow him to continue saving lives. His pace has not slowed down and a 12-hour working day is routine for him. He commented that over his career, he has seen "cardiovascular surgery brought to a low-risk, high-precision art which relieves pain and restores normal functions."

In spite of honors and awards, Dr. DeBakey is a hard-working surgeon caring first and foremost for his patients. He is a gentleman who sees what must be done and does it most efficiently.

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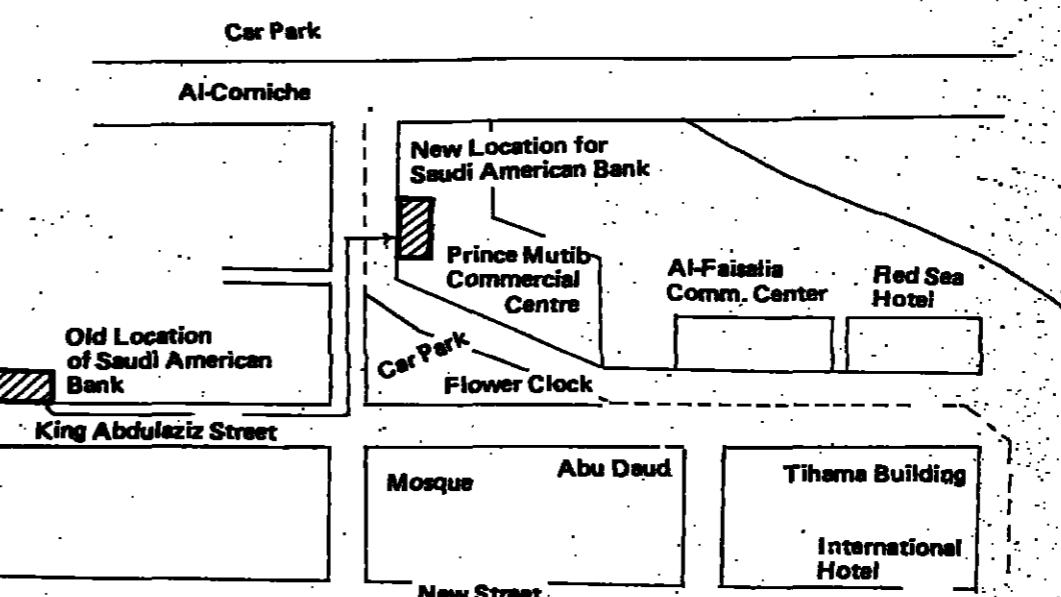


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Devastated by hurricane

Tonga's plight gets special U.N. attention

By Ian Steele

NEW YORK (Desptnews) — With the wreckage of hurricane Isaac still fresh in their minds, United Nations aid experts returned from Tonga carrying a shopping list of 48 projects costing about \$58 million.

The report, which was presented to the U.N. General Assembly, says the islanders' needs extend well beyond basic reconstruction. Tonga has already dropped a request for recognition as one of the world's least developed nations — a rating which would put it in the running for special consideration with countries like Bangladesh and Nepal.

But the average Tongan still earns less than \$500 a year and the coconut and banana plantations which form the country's agricultural base, have been in decline for years.

The tourist industry has been hard hit by the energy crisis and the re-routing of much of the region's aviation and shipping traffic; and the flight of the more enterprising Tongans to work elsewhere in the Pacific has become the most reliable source of foreign exchange. Workers' remittances from abroad last year totalled almost \$11 million.

Tonga has a usable land mass of only 670 square miles scattered over 171 islands, and the population of 94,000 is spread unevenly

between 36 of them. Horses outnumber automobiles 10 to 1. Sixty percent of the land is planted to coconuts which provide the people with food, drink, cooking oil, livestock feed, timber, firewood, roofing materials and about \$4.6 million in annual export earnings.

Hurricane Isaac's wind gusts of up to 200 kilometers an hour ripped through the plantations on March 2 and reduced crop prospects by half. Ninety percent of the best banana plants were destroyed, 20 percent of privately owned houses were flattened and 129 school classrooms were lost or damaged beyond repair. High tides combined to break up protecting walls along the coast of Nuku'alofa, the capital, and washed away what little docking infrastructure there was. Six lives were lost and damage has been estimated at \$19 million.

Tonga's capacity to batten down and regroup after the hurricane was almost nil. As each island was hit, contact with neighboring communities was lost; it took a week before internal communications could be re-established. International links were severed for two days and Radio Tonga was out of action in the critical hours before and after the hurricane when the public needed guidance and support most.

The country was left with a few church halls, a factory, a disused restaurant and a

carpentry workshop to store perishable relief supplies. It was several months before storm-proof warehousing could be built with British support.

A vital part of the aid package proposed for Tonga is a system which would guarantee communications during future emergencies and educate the public in "disaster preparedness." Also included in the proposal are the:

Replacement of a 30-year-old hand-operated slipway by a 300-ton facility catering to Japanese and Korean fishing vessels which would otherwise dry dock in Fiji (\$4.3 million); reconstruction of seven kilometers of foreshore protection walls around Nuku'alofa and five kilometers of the same around Kanakopouli at a cost of \$1 million per kilometer; replacement of 2,700 private homes (\$3 million); reconstruction of schools (\$3.6 million); and rejuvenation of the fishing and agricultural sectors of the economy (\$7.8 million).

By far, the largest proposals, however, relate to infrastructure which would re-establish Tonga's tourist and transportation links with the outside world. These include the construction of a new tourist hotel, \$3.2 million; upgrading of the Fua'amotu airport which serves the capital, \$8.1 million; and improvements to the outer islands' airports, \$4.1 million.

There is no guarantee that Tonga will get all or even half the \$58 million it wants. However, the U.N. General Assembly agreed two years ago to establish a trust fund for its economic and social development; it is also committed to mobilize funds outside the usual aid channels. Efforts will be made to raise the money bilaterally through approaches to governments and lending institutions.

The Tonga trust fund is a U.N. first for the Asia-Pacific region. It is worthy of special note because the U.N. in the past has been inclined to leave the small island developing countries of the Pacific to their own devices. Most are well qualified for U.N. assistance because of their low average GNP (gross national product). Many are now U.N. members (Tonga is not) but their populations are small and their needs have been easy to ignore in company with those on the scale of Bangladesh or Upper Volta.

Included in the mission to Tonga were representatives of the U.N. Industrial Development Organization, International Labor Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization, World Health Organization, International Telecommunications Union, U.N. Development Program and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

Swiss town council pleads for protection from crime

By Norris Willatt

of the Italian lire against the Swiss franc. But its place has been taken by another, more deadly traffic. The trails have become escape routes for thieves, bandits and, now, murderers.

Chiasso householders no longer go out and leave their windows open and their doors unlocked, as they once did. Burglary is an almost daily occurrence. In recent months there has been a succession of bank and post office raids in the region.

A particularly daring daylight hold-up of a branch in the village of Ruvigliana, on the outskirts of Lugano, caused the Union Bank of Switzerland (UBS) to decide to close it down. Usually UBS thinks in terms of opening branches.

The Swiss, for whom all this is a novel and very disagreeable experience, blame it mostly on their neighbors to the south; they see it as an extension of the crime wave that is sweeping northern Italy. And they believe that a major contributory factor is the ease with which criminals can escape over the border.

They want to see this better patrolled, realizing at the same time the difficulty of keeping every bolt hole under close surveillance.

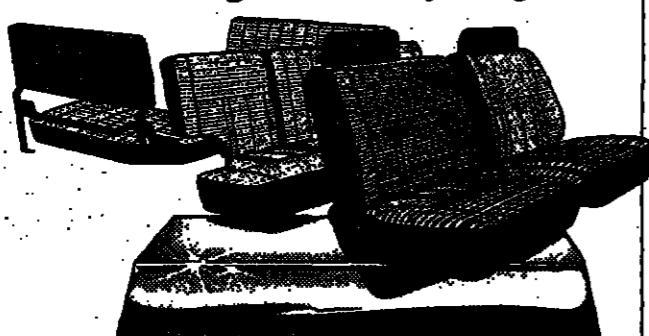
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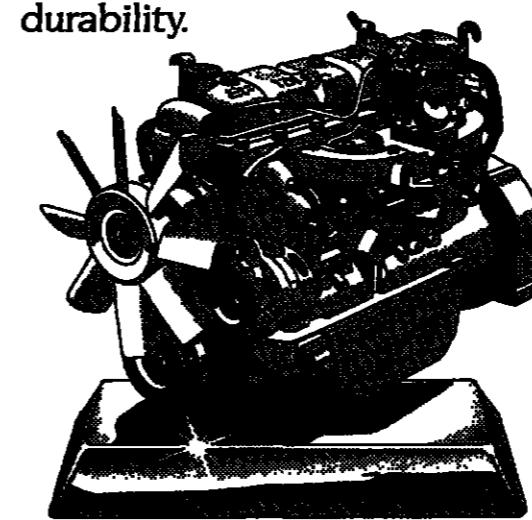
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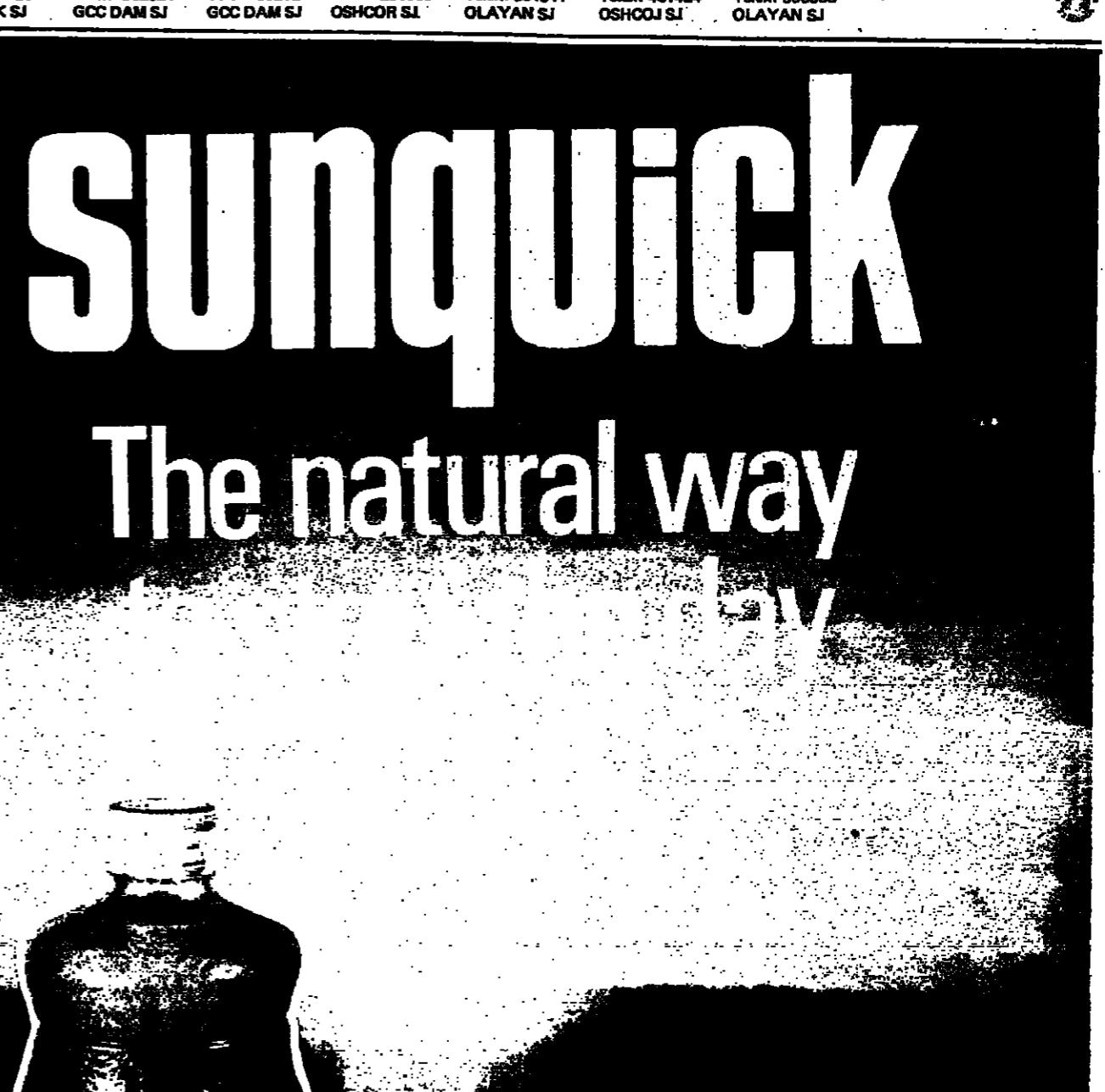
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Shells used as money in ancient China

Ornamental objects from the deep sea

By Wang Sheng-chang

TAIPEI (FCCR) — In summer, if you ramble along the beach at dusk, you will discover floating offshore many often-beautiful creatures, seashells — a unique group in the biological world. With 112,000 species, they have existed on earth for more than 500 million years.

Since man's emergence on this world, he has known how to use shells to make useful and interesting things. For example, people in ancient times converted conches and clams into cooking utensils and hunting weapons. Fishermen made fishhooks from cone-shaped shells. Small, colored shells were used for ornaments. Seashells discovered among other ancient human-owned relics can be taken as precious information, evidence to infer a people's mode of living in ancient times.

Studying the distribution of old shells can be a reliable way for tracing the commercial routes of olden times. In ancient China, Egypt, India, Africa, Southeast Asia, America, and the Pacific islands, people gave their seashells an economic status. Chinese characters such as *mao* (trade), *zai* (wealth), *huo* (commodities), *zai* (loan) and *kou* (buy) all include the radical *shí* (shell). From the Hsi Dynasty (2205-1782 B.C.) forward for more than 3,500 years the Chinese people used seashell money for trading. Although the Chin Dynasty abolished the use of seashells as currency, in the Early Han Dynasty (206 B.C.-A.D. 24) the people once again used shells as money. It is recorded that even as late as the Yuan Dynasty (1277-1367), the people of Yunnan Province were still using shell-money.

The shell-bearing mollusks include gastropods, such as snails; pelecypods, such as clams and scallops; cephalopods, such as nautilus; and scaphopods, such as cone shells. Of course, some shells have both marine and terrestrial forms. Snails, for example, appear in dark, damp areas; some live in trees. Whereas lakeshores, riversides, and surfaces of plants are the habitats of freshwater shells, marine shells concentrate in beach sands, on the coral reefs, and among the seaweeds.

For gathering seashells, the best times would be on the first or the 15th day of each moon, as the tide rises or ebbs. Live sea creatures usually have more flawless shells and brighter colors. The tools for collecting seashells along the beach include a small bucket,

ket, a screw driver, spade, and tweezers. It is necessary to dive for shells in offshore areas. Deep water vessels are needed to snare some of the beautiful deep-sea species.

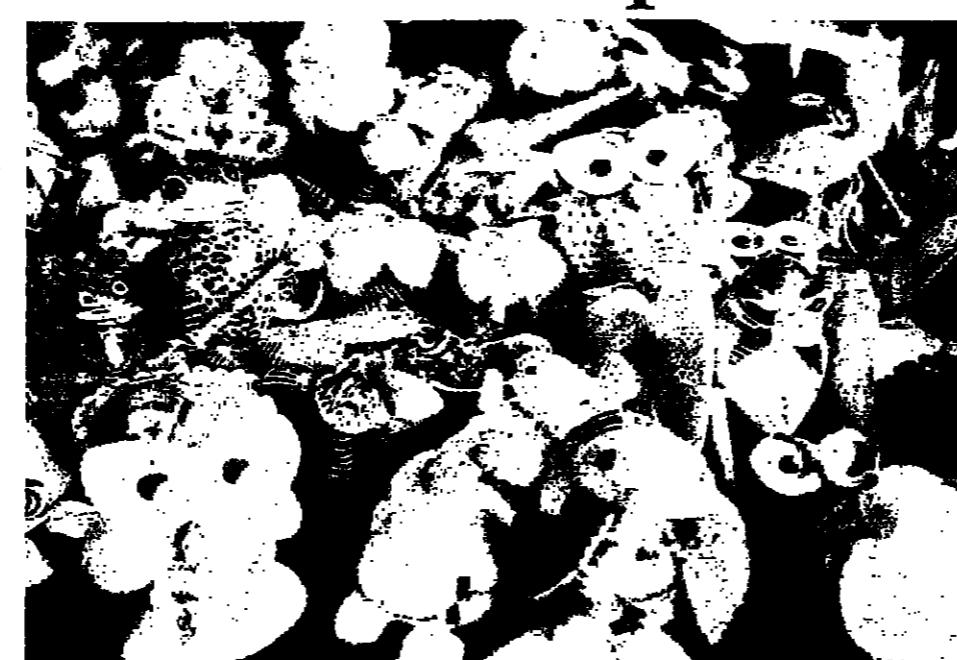
When processing shells, the dead ones should be washed in a diluted colorant lotion. However, collected live shells can be made into specimens through either a soaking or drying method. In the former, the gathered shells are soaked in 70 percent concentrated alcohol or 10 percent concentrated formalin. To make the head, feet or the soft body emerge from the calcium carbonate mantle, put the live shell in a container of seawater. When the creature starts to emerge, pour magnesium sulphate solution and peppermint solution slowly into the container. After the animal is anesthetized, soak the shell in formalin.

Processing live shells through the drying method is complicated. Usually, a bright colored shell specimen must be made from a live seashell. Most of the dead shells found on the beach lack luster. In order to keep their natural bright colors, seashells must not be cooked in boiling water. Put them in a bigger container (a fish bowl will be the best) and pour warm water into it. When the bivalves open their shells, use a blade to cut through the hinge fastening and wash the shells with diluted hydrochloric acid. As for cone-shaped shells, it is necessary to pull the flesh out slowly when it begins to decay.

The surface of a shell often has many adherent substances. Use a solution of hydrochloric acid to wash them off. Some borax, soda, or hydrogen peroxide will maintain the luster of the shells. Then, take out the soaked shells and wash them with water, soap, and a sponge. Keep the cleaned shells out of the sun and away from humid areas so that the original colors will be maintained. If the shells are not to be dyed or painted later, apply some hair oil or polish to keep the dust off.

Each of the processed shells should then be identified with a label indicating where and when it was picked up and its scientific name. Like collections of stamps and coins, a shell collection can be expanded through variety exchanges with other shell lovers. Such seashell collections please the mind and delight the spirit, enrich one's knowledge of nature, and even make some rich.

The ancients of West Asia rubbed abalone and mother-of-pearl smooth and flat, and cut them into fragments shaped like flowers, birds, and grass. They inlaid the pieces into



TERRESTRIAL FORMS: A bevy of visitors from anyone's favorite planet.

lacquerware, and wooden or metal articles, often forming mosaic designs. The Chinese call it *Li*. The art was introduced to China through India and Thailand. Following the Tang Dynasty, this artistic handicraft traveled to Japan and Korea. Today, in Taiwan, *Li* has become a rare art. But one factory in Taoyuan, in northern Taiwan, continues to manufacture quality furniture with *Li* designs.

From Africa to Asia, from India to Iceland, it has been fashionable to make bright and beautiful seashells into ornamental items. Africa and Hawaiian girls wear headbands, belts bracelets, and anklets made of seashells. The American Indians wore seashell earrings and necklaces. Since American Indian styles for ornamental items are popular these days, the small shells found along seashores or riversides have become a favorite raw material.

Most processed shells produced in Taiwan are small and possess natural colors or stripes. Species include the tusk shell, cone shell, pen shell, miter shell with white stripes, sunrise tellin shell, purpura shell and cone shell with spots.

To match favored fashion colors of the year, processed shells can be dyed or painted, colored with golden or silver powder or

Indian villagers save trees from loggers' axe

By Tyler Marshall

NEW DELHI (LAT) — The confrontation at Gopeshwar settlement seemed depressingly familiar to the villagers in India's Himalayan foothills. Loggers armed with axes and chainsaws and a questionable government permit were preparing to cut down still more trees in the ash forest the villagers rely on in so many ways.

Frightened but angry, too, the villagers rushed into the forest and threw their arms around the trees that had been marked for the loggers' blades. It worked, and the villagers not only saved their trees but touched off one of the most successful grassroots environmental movements in the world, attracting international attention to the indiscriminate timbering that threatens the ecosystem of the lower Himalayas.

The movement is called Chipko — a Hindi word meaning "to hug" — and its rallying cry is, "hug a tree, save a forest." It has no office and little organization, yet it flourishes, and its message has been heard in distant places. "What they are doing is rare," said Anil Agarwal, director of the Center for Science and Environment, a New Delhi research organization with U.N. backing. "It is a people's movement and the results show the involvement."

In the past few years invitations to Chipko leaders to address international forums on renewable energy and the environment have helped heighten world awareness of the steady destruction of woodlands throughout the lower Himalayan hills.

India has lost 17,000 square miles of forest, an area more than twice the size of New Jersey in the past three decades, according to official figures. Unofficial estimates run up to 10 times that.

"I couldn't conceive of the Himalayas without trees, but we drove for hour after hour without seeing a single one," Kamla Chowdhury, a former Ford Foundation consultant and ecological activist, said after a trip to the foothills last year.

In a nation where firewood is still the preferred domestic cooking fuel, even in many urban areas, the precipitous decline of forested acreage and the increasing population have raised concern among development officials about a possible "firewood famine."

A U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization report predicted recently that in the year 2000, India would be self-sufficient in food but would lack the firewood to cook it.

The Indian government in recent years has enacted legislation to protect its remaining woodlands and has embarked on an accelerated reforestation program, but its strategy is controversial and many argue that its scope is insufficient.

But the Himalayan villagers who make up the Chipko movement rarely think in terms of national calamities.

Brazil's destitute children present saddening spectacle

By Arjuna

RIO DE JANEIRO (Depthnews) — Amid the flashy infrastructure of the very adult city of Rio de Janeiro, a visitor is constantly reminded of the needs of its children. This saddening spectacle was brought to the fore during my recent visit to Brazil.

Day and night, bands of 10 and 11-year-old, barely tall enough to be seen in the traffic, work their way between the rows of automobiles, snarled at city and suburban intersections selling cigarettes, chewing gum, newspapers and small cards of sewing needles and thread. And diners along the canopied streets will frequently part company with a basket of bread rolls or a chicken leg to a cluster of small, unaccompanied beggars.

More than one-third of all Brazilians under the age of 18 live on the streets without parents, guardians or family support. They work as peddlers, bootblacks and laborers in the major towns and cities, they are blamed for most of the petty crime.

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) estimates there are about 25 million street children in Brazil — perhaps half the total for all of Latin America. Most of them are in need of basic education, health care and non-exploitative work. The government has recognized that their numbers defy realistic hope of an effective response by traditional institutional means and has called on UNICEF to help devise a workable alternative.

The organization has agreed, and Peter Tacon, UNICEF's regional adviser on the resulting "Children Without Families" pro-

ject, believes that one of the most practical approaches is to support honest work by the children without attempting to drag them off the streets. He says many of the children have shown considerable resourcefulness and initiative in building independent frameworks for survival on the streets and that adult-oriented environments can be more of a hindrance than a help.

Tacon says that several of Brazil's 23 states have had more success working with the children's various subcultures than by trying to replace them. For instance, in Sao Paulo efforts aim to stabilize the children's situation in the streets without undermining their independence, pride, skills, or contacts which legitimately sustain them within the community. The children are allowed to keep their jobs in the so-called informal service sector, working half the day and attending school for the other half until they turn 14.

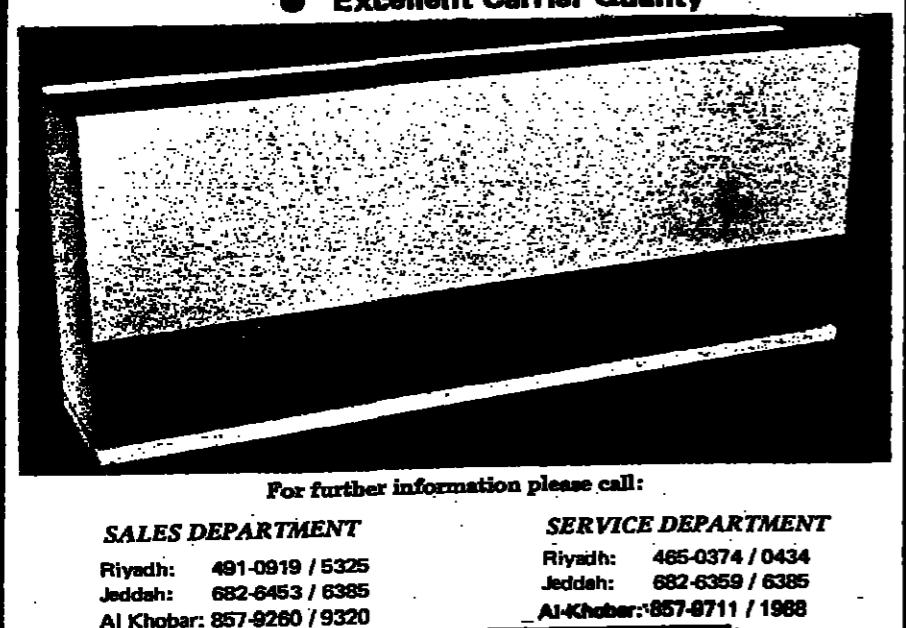
At that point, young people typically pass to the city payroll and do menial work, like street sweeping, for the legal minimum wage. During that period their schooling and access to basic services continue. After at least a year of unskilled city service, they have an opportunity to transfer to paid apprenticeships in city maintenance shops where they might learn plumbing or mechanical skills.

Tacon says the cost of this initiative has been roughly one-tenth of that of institutionalization. And over the next two years the Brazilian Secretariat of Social Assistance, the National Foundation for Child Welfare of Brazil and UNICEF will attempt to blend initiatives of this kind into a framework for street children elsewhere in the country.

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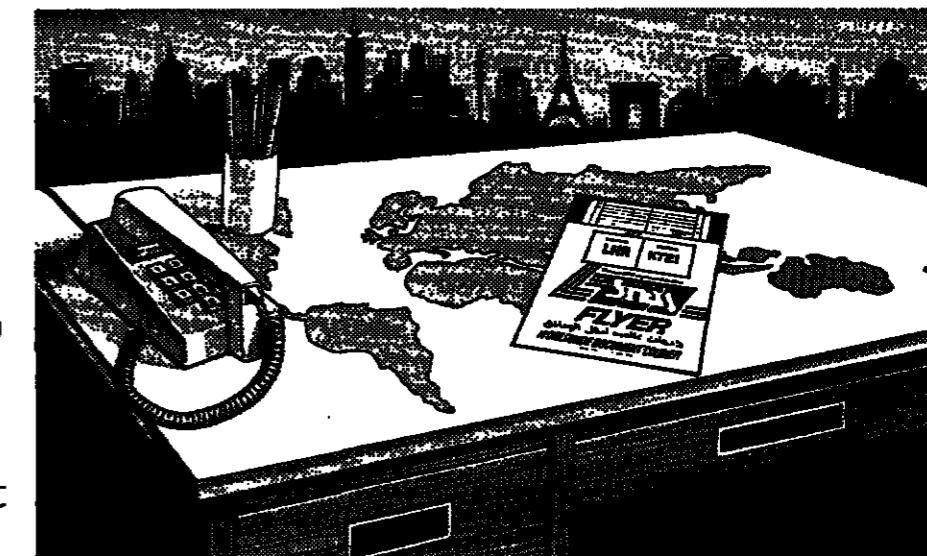
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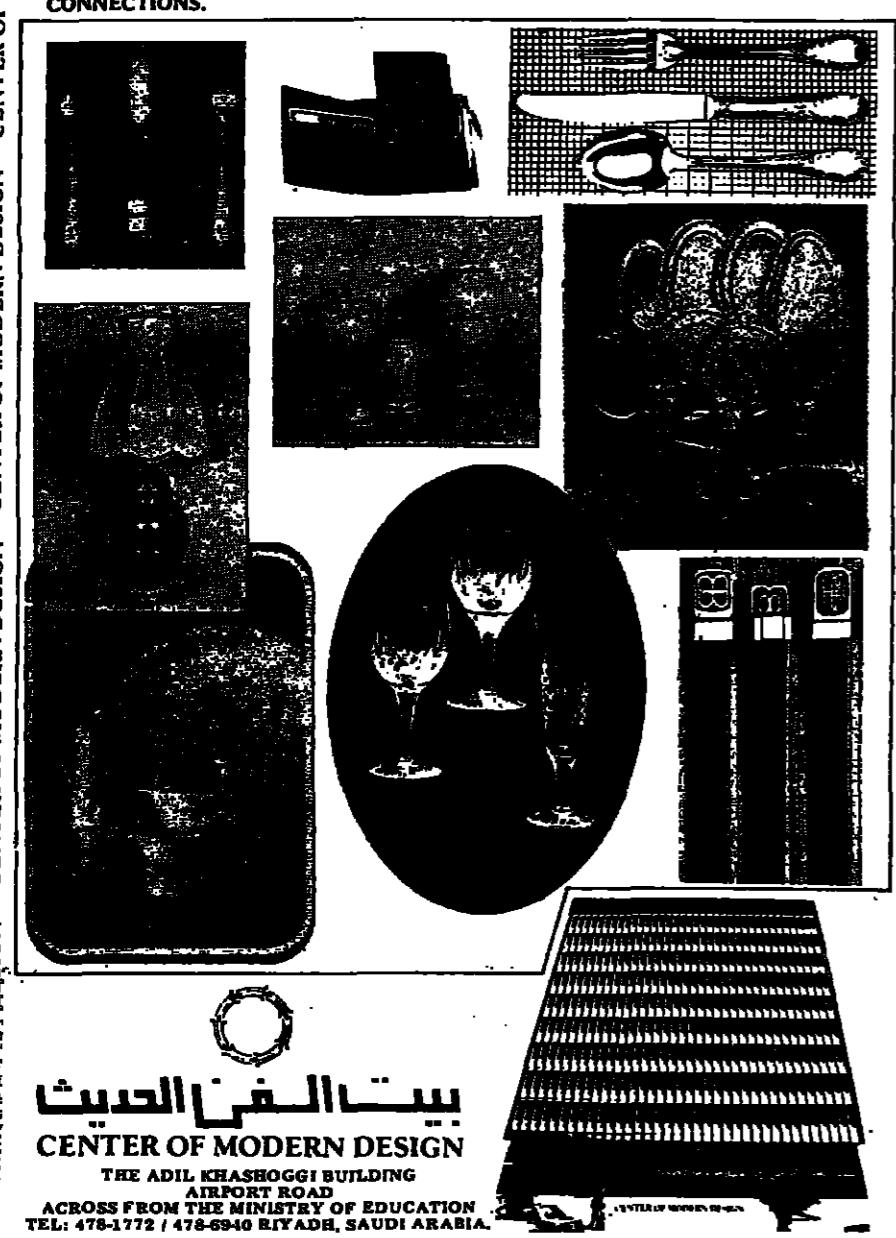
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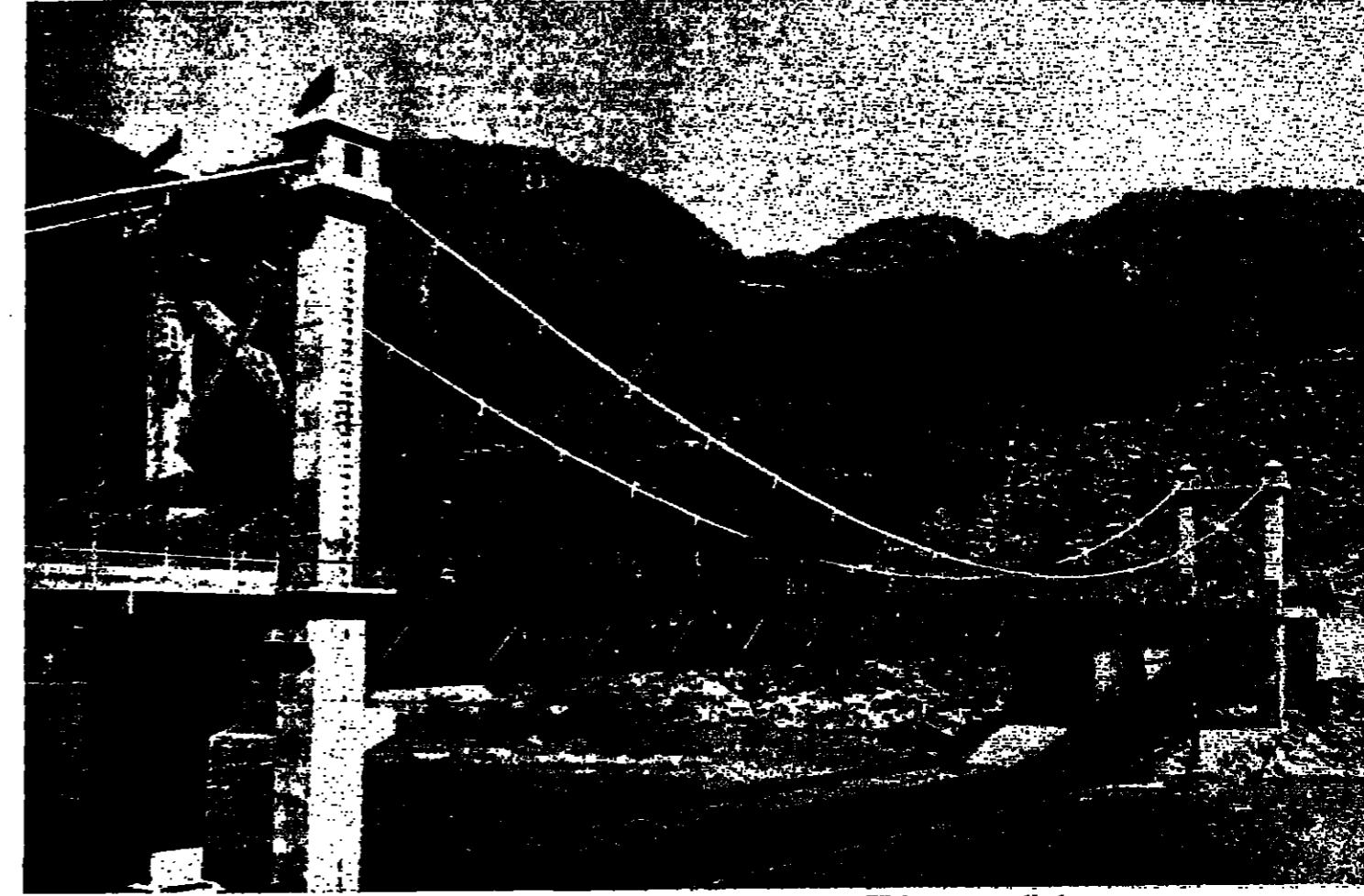
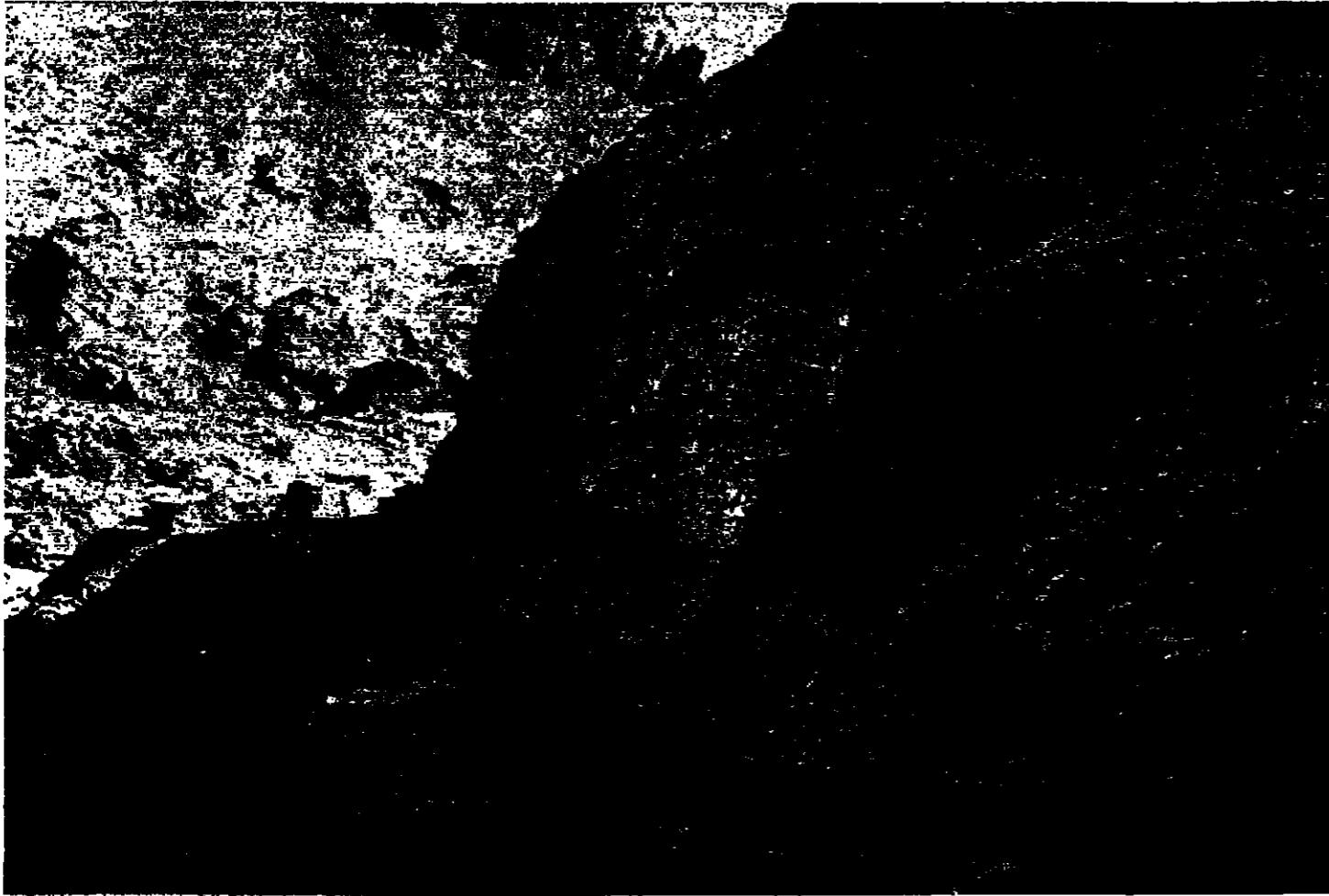
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KARAKORAM HIGHWAY: One of the scores of bridges constructed on the Karakoram Highway by Chinese and Pakistani engineers. Right: A view of the highway snaking along the Indus gorge from Havelian to Gilgit on way to Kashgar.

A marvel of engineering

Highway over the roof of the world boosts border trade

By Hamid Saeed

KARACHI — Among the marvels of the art of building is the 1,400-mile long Great Wall of China, constructed in the 3rd century B.C., which stands out even today as one of the wonders of the ancient world.

Another fabulous feat of even greater magnitude was the hacking of the 5,000-mile long Silk Route in the following century, which connected three continents and facilitated movements of the Chinese people, cultures and human-sciences, and ushered in a new era of enlightenment, profitable trade and prosperity in ancient times.

The Chinese produced in those days one precious item of cloth which none else in the world knew how to make. That was silk, which was coveted by all as the "shining fabric." Chinese thus came to be known to Romans as "Saxons," or the "silk people."

The westward trade route was opened to the Middle Kingdom in 126 B.C., by China's great traveler Chang Kien, who had headed a 100-man party to bring back to China the

great tribe of the Yuechi which had been driven out of their pastures in northwest China to Bactria by a rival horde in about 165 B.C.

In 108 B.C., the great Han Emperor Wu-ti spread the supremacy of Chinese power from his capital at Sian in Shensi to the oasis of Sinkiang by this route, which came to be known as the Silk Route, mainly because silk from China was carried along it to the Western world. Starting from the Jade Gate in the city of Yu-Men in northwestern province of Kansu, the caravans of Bactrian camels plodded laboriously to Tashkent or to Kashgar. Beyond these points, across the Pamirs was another world.

There were three ways that cut across the Pamirs: one went from Kashgar to Samarkand across the Terek Pass. The second ran through the divide between Altai and Trans-Altais ranges and reached Termez on the Oxus at Wakhan Valley. The third passed through the Upper Oxus to Wakhan via Khotan and Balkh. Westward from Peshawar a route went through the Khyber Pass to Kabul and from there met the Silk Route at

Balkh.

Along the Silk Route coursed the traders and embassies of yore between Cathay and the Western world. Unmindful of the hazards, caravans carrying silk, tea and jade from China toiled along the Silk Route for centuries; some perished on the way, some made to the Indus plain beyond the Khyber Pass, others were met by the Parthian traders at Tashkent who carried the goods to the Gulf where they changed hands for Rome and Greece. Journey through the Silk Route however became unsafe by the middle of the 13th century because of internal tribulations and warfare between the hostile tribes in Central Asia which had served as a natural gateway to Europe and the Orient. As a result, the advent of fifteenth century witnessed the land-caravan route losing its prominence to the sea.

The border trade appears to have been revived by the British in the late century between Kashgar and Gilgit after establishing a British agency at the latter point in 1877. This, however, was not of much significance

and even this was stopped in 1949, when the Silk Route was closed following the Communist takeover of Sinkiang. The British Consulate at Kashgar, which oversaw the trade, was also closed down in the same year.

Border trade between Pakistan and China was revived 20 years later in 1969, after the demarcation of boundaries between the two countries in 1963, followed by the finalization of details and signing of an agreement between the two governments on Oct. 21, 1967, to "facilitate overland trade between the Gilgit Agency on the Pakistan side and Sinkiang on the Chinese side."

For this purpose, the ancient caravan route was revived and a 500-mile dual-carriage highway was carved out of the world's toughest mountains and glaciers by Pakistan Army engineers and Chinese experts, linking Pakistan with China along the ancient Silk Route.

On June 18, 1978, Pakistan and China jointly opened the Karakoram Highway, carved out of the mountains by 40,000 Pakistani and Chinese soldiers, engineers and

workers. The 883-km road, described as a marvel of high-altitude engineering, took 12 years to build and a toll of 500 Pakistani and Chinese lives.

The highway takes off from Havelian, near Abbottabad, 101 km from the Pakistan capital, Islamabad, and snakes through the Indus Kohistan, joining Gilgit and Hunza, climbing all the way up to the 15,000 feet high Khunjerab Pass near Mintaka to cross into China. In the same year, under another agreement the construction of about 100 miles of the highway from Khunjerab Pass southward to Kashgar was assigned to the Chinese engineers.

Thus, 13 years later, on Aug. 27, 1982, the Karakoram highway, linking Pakistan's northern areas with Chinese Sinkiang was inaugurated by the representatives of the two governments, and the hitherto sensitive areas, where the frontiers of five countries — Pakistan, Afghanistan, China, India and the Soviet Union converge — were formally opened to civilian traffic.

Apart from its geopolitical importance, the

northern area has a lure for the hardy climbers on account of its cluster of some of the world's highest peaks and glaciers, namely, the K-2 (Mount Godwin Austin), the second highest mountain in the world, 28,250 feet, followed closely by Nanga Parbat, 26,600 feet, and Mount Rakaposhi, 25,500 feet high. The area has another 19 mountain peaks of 25,000 feet height, some of them yet unascended, and another 30 of lesser heights huddled within 15 miles of each other in Baltistan (adjoining Gilgit), in what is known as the mountaineer's paradise.

By opening up a hitherto closed region, the Karakoram Highway will not only provide a boost to the present border trade between Pakistan and China, but will also provide vast opportunities for promotion of tourist trade along the 'Marco Polo Route' besides attracting serious scholars, pre-historians, archaeologists and social anthropologists for whom an entirely new vista has now been opened. And finally, it would attract the big game hunters looking for some of the rare species of the ibex, the Markhor, and the Marco Polo sheep available only in this part of the world.

Concern over extinction of species

Indonesia develops 11 wildlife parks

By Warief Djajanto

BALI, Indonesia (Depthnews) — Mounting public concern over the extinction of precious wildlife in this fabled tourist island has pushed the central government into a frenzy of activities.

Eleven new wildlife sanctuaries are being developed, in addition to the five others already existing. The beneficiaries of the nationwide conservation effort includes the Bali starling, the island's only endemic bird.

Conservationists say there are only about 200 Bali starlings left in the island after years of uncontrolled hunting. News of the nearing extinction of the bird was greeted with dismay by the islanders, and triggered pressures on the government to launch a coherent conservation campaign.

Bali has a precious few wildlife to speak of. The Bali tiger (*panthera tigris balica*) is believed to be already extinct. The only top line wildlife still existing are rusa deer, wild pig and an assortment of 65 species of birds, but all are in danger of extinction. Most of the birds, rusa deer and wild pigs have been dislodged from the rest of the island and forced to take refuge in an endangered zone in the western tip of Bali.

The blue-eared Kasturi bird has found a sanctuary in Manusela, Seram in the Maluku island group, while the Maleo bird and the dwarf buffalo (*bos*) are found only in Dumoga, north Sulawesi.

All of these animals and fowls are protected by law from human predators, but the government's action may have come a bit late. Natural attrition, as well as man-made damage, has reduced the wildlife population to dangerous levels.

But the government has stepped in, and the whole north Sulawesi has been declared a national park pending the finalization of legal documents to set aside the whole region as a wildlife sanctuary.

Bali Barat, Manusela and Dumoga are three of the 11 areas declared by the government last Oct. 14 as wildlife reservations. The announcement was made by the forestry director general Sudjarwo during the Third World Congress on national parks held in Bali.

The 11 new wildlife parks have a total land area of 2.25 million hectares, with Kerinci-Seblat in western Sumatra having the largest area at 1.4-million hectares.

The 10 others and their area are Barisan Selatan in Bengkulu, Lampung, 365,000 ha.; Kepulauan Seribu, a cluster of islets in Jakarta Bay, 110,000 ha.; Brimob Tengger in East Java, 58,000 ha.; Meru Betiri, East Java, 50,000 ha.; Bali Barat, Bali, 77,727 ha.; Tanjung Puting, Central Kalimantan, 355,000 ha.; Kerai, East Kalimantan, 200,000 ha.; Lore Lindu, Central Sulawesi, 231,000 ha.; Dumoga in North Sulawesi, 300,000 ha.; and Maninsela, Wai Nua-Wai Nua in the Maluku island, 189,000 ha.

The five existing national parks are Gunung Leuser in Aceh, one million ha.; Ujung Kulon, West Java, and home of the very rare one-horn Java rhino, 136,000 ha.; Gunung Gede-Pangrango, West Java, 17,000 ha.; Baluran, West Java, 27,000 ha.; and

forestry plantations. Some 5,000 Indonesians live in village enclaves near park. Their main source of livelihood are small scale farming and hunting.

The government's dilemma in the Bali Barat case is how to make commercial plantations serve as efficient buffer zones. While some officials insist that the natural forests should be protected against human depredations, they have failed to offer realistic solutions to the equally pressing problem of what to do with the people living near the reservations.

One proposed solution is to confine the livelihood activities of the people to certain clearly designated areas. Those supporting this proposal claim that this would prevent people from encroaching on forest reserves, whether their purpose is to establish residences there, or merely cut down trees or hunt. But this solution would entail massive security problems that the country is not ready to undertake.

In Baluran, East Java, fishermen are allowed access only to designated coastal areas of the park to catch fish. But opponents of the proposal to confine the activities of the people to certain areas of the parks claim that such a plan would almost certainly be difficult to enforce.

Ignorance among the people of the value of rare animals remains the most pressing problem of wildlife conservationists. In Jambi, Central Sumatra, for instance, about 30 men speared to death a two-horn female rhino last Sept. 13 near a farmer's cropland.

It was the first time that the same species was seen in Central Sumatra in the last 10 years. It is not known how many Sumatran rhinos still exist, but the death of a two-horn rhino was definitely a big blow to Indonesia's wildlife conservation efforts.

A major thrust of the plan will be creation of employment and means of livelihood for the people so as to discourage them from making incursions into the forest reserves.

The government also plans to set up natural barriers to keep people off restricted areas. The Mali Barat National Park has a total area of 19,647 hectares, of which over 6,000 hectares are classified as commercial wildlife conservation efforts.



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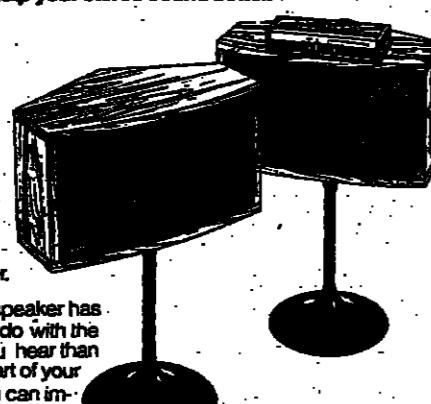
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REQUIREMENTS:

B.C.E. WITH MINIMUM 2 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN
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ANNOUNCEMENT For Job Termination

ALATAS AGENCIES at Jeddah announce that the services of its employees in the Accounts Department, Mr. Diab Awad Suleiman, Jordanian national, have been terminated with effect from 6-2-1403H., corresponding to 22-11-1982.

Those who have any claim on the above mentioned employee are asked to contact: ALATAS AGENCIES office at Al-Johara Building, 4th Floor, Al-Baghdaia, Jeddah within one week from date of this advertisement.

WANTED

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Candidates must have previous experience in Water and Sewer Projects Supervision and must have a Transferable Iqama.

Project Engineers

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with minimum 12 years experience.

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with minimum 6 years experience.

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with minimum 6 years experience.

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with minimum 5 years experience.

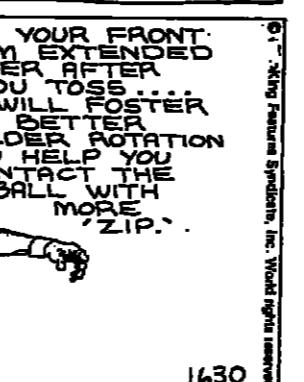
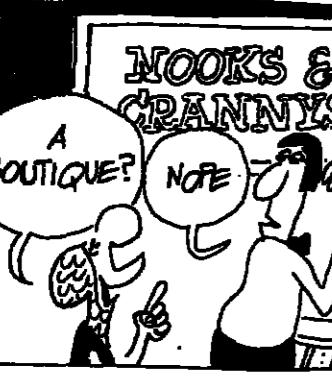
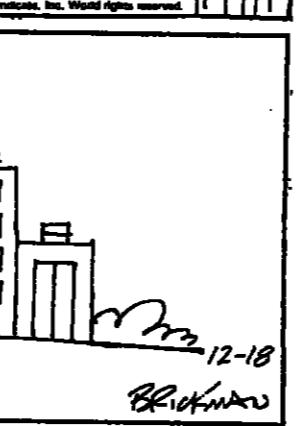
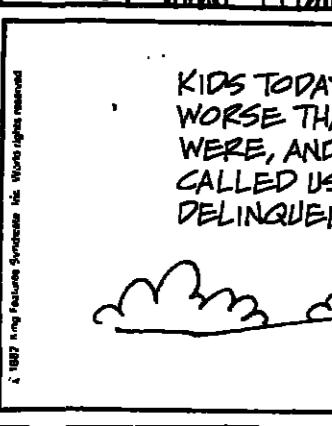
Supervisors

with minimum 5 years experience.

If qualified please contact SaudConsult by mail:
P.O. Box 1293, Dammam or phone 8349006
or Telex: 601625 TAREK SJ.

Or in person at the office located at Al-Jomaih Office Building,
2nd floor, King Khalid Street, Dammam.

BETTIE BAILY



Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake
FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1982



during for long today, as others want to make you happy. Join them in their activities tonight.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Though you may feel frustrated about a career matter, new developments renew your confidence. Don't slacken your efforts.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Don't let worry about money keep you from enjoying yourself. You'll find less costly ways to have good times this evening.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

If you dampen the spirits of a loved one, an argument will ensue. You'll hear some good news today as well as some gossip.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

At a time when you may prefer to remain in the background, you may obtain recognition. Career gains and social successes are likely.

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
By keeping worries to yourself, you'll make things seem worse than they are. Take positive steps to remedy troublesome conditions.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Though friends invite you to a get-together, you can't count on them for financial aid. Initiative, though, brings monetary gain.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

You may feel unappreciated at the job, yet you're the life of the party at a social event. New friends are exciting.

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ARIES
(Mar. 21 to April 19)

You may be disappointed in a friend, yet social prospects brighten this evening. Favorable career development are likely.

TAURUS
(Apr. 20 to May 20)

Somnolent and self-doubt. Instead of waiting for things to happen, make your own career breaks. Travel brings luck.

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20)

You won't be down in the

morning, but you may accept an invitation to travel or visit with others. Be patient about a career delay or obstacle.

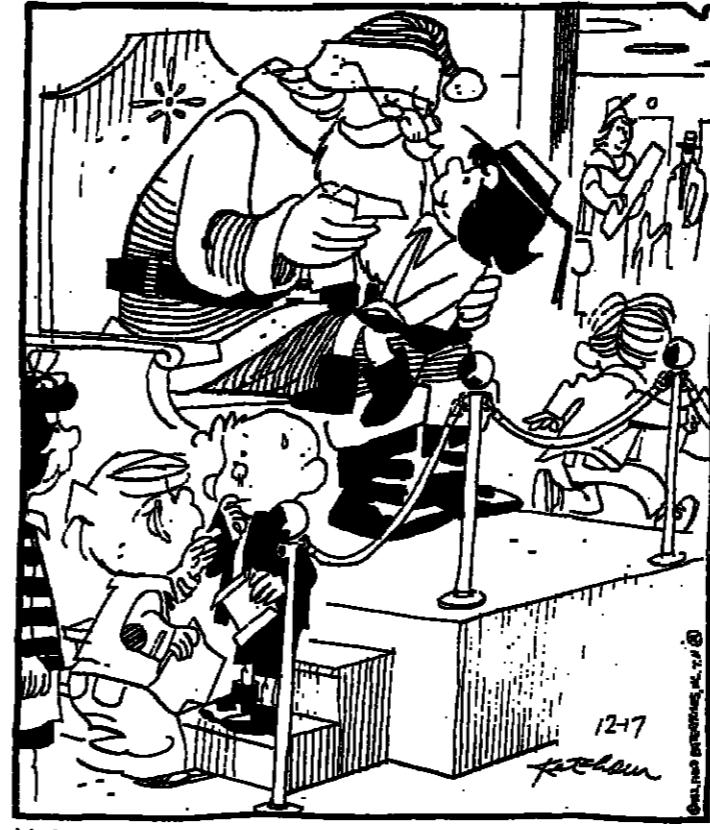
CANCER
(June 21 to July 22)

You may have to lower your sights about a major purchase which requires time payments. Still, you'll find something nice and affordable.

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)

You won't be down in the

DENNIS the MENACE



"AN' IF YOU START SLIPPIN' OFF HIS LAP, GRAB HIS ARM OR HIS BELT... BUT NOT HIS WHISKERS!"

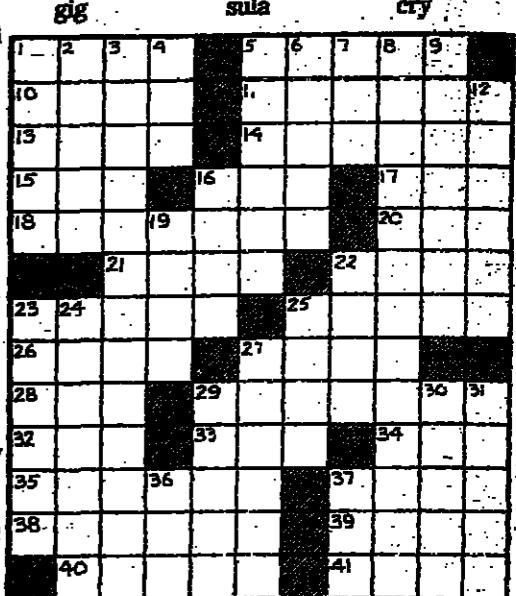
Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS
1 Oriental nurse
5 Morocco, to the French
10 Unspoken
11 Had jacks or better
12 Pallid, e.g.
14 Ivanhoe's bride
15 Uncle, in Tabasco
16 Gloomy
17 Late popular songstress — Wynn
18 Eye care man
20 Here, in Toulon
21 Not deranged
22 Total
23 Thrive
22 One's physique (sl.)
33 Tup
34 Before dent or pod
35 Monotonously
37 Canaanite
38 "Tennis, —?"
39 Brazilian tapir

CARAT PAGED
AMISH RIATA
DOTH THE WILLOP
IRE MAN ANIT
PERTH
TAPA TEETER
ARENA RAISE
DEPEND RASP
LEAST
ABE MILL TED
HAVEONESWAY
ALIEN POISE
BELLE TONED
12-18
Yesterday's Answer

9 Last Supper 24 —illy
ROOM 25 Idumaea
12 Moynihan 27 Joy bringer
16 Helsinki 23 Conductor
17 Citizen — Walter
19 Milk (Fr.) 30 Spectivity
22 Miss 31 Italian city
23 Asian peninsula 32 Merino's
sula cry



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A X E
is LONG FELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

T F I U P K E R Z E B P G T K K T B P Q T
V I P H F R Q W E G T H K L K Y P Z P

B K P Z F E Z V P H A L . . . T F M P H F T C T H T K K
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: TO TAX AND TO PLEASE, NO MORE THAN TO LOVE AND TO BE WISE, IS NOT GIVEN TO MEN.—EDMUND BURKE

Contract Bridge ♠ B.Jay and Steve Becker

A Tall Tale

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ 643
♥ AK
♦ Q 10 9 8 7 5
♦ AK

WEST
♦ 8 7 6 5 3 2
♥ 8 4
♦ Q 8 7 6 4 2
♦ 8 7 6 4 2
♦ 10 5 3

EAST
♦ Q J 10
♥ Q 10 9 7
♦ 6 4 3
♦ Q J 9

The bidding:
North East South West
3 NT
Opening lead — nine of spades.

Dear Mr. Becker: I have been a reader of your column for many years and have followed with interest your recital of the exploits of some of the most prominent players in the world.

The only catch is that all my marvelous bids and plays take place while I'm asleep, and I confess here and now that there is an enormous difference between the way I play when I'm awake and the way I play when I'm asleep. In case you don't believe me, just ask my partners how I play when I am not in the Land of Nod.

Here is a typical example of my prowess. I played the hand shown just last night — while asleep, of course. I was West and wife Sapphira won the trick with the king and continued with the ace and a low spade.

I am sure that most players would think South must now make the contract — since his only losers, as the cards lie, appear to be two diamond tricks. But, as I've indicated before, these players are totally unaware of the brilliance of my play when I am in the arms of Morphus.

On the ace of spades I discarded the king of diamonds, and on the third round of spades I discarded the ace of diamonds. As a result of these two plays there was nothing South could do to avoid going down two. Cordially yours, Ananias Jones.

Believe It or Not!

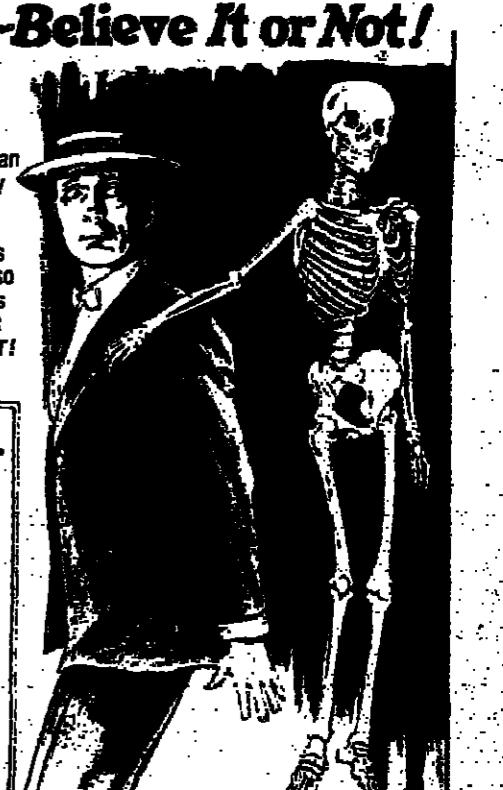
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famed stunt comedian of silent films — by the age of 7 had learned comedy acrobatics from his vaudeville parents so well that audiences believed HE WAS REALLY A MIDGET!

12-18

A SHEET OF PAPER

wrapped tightly around a copper tube can be placed directly in the flame of a candle — YET IT WILL NOT BURN! (The copper conducts away the heat)



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0300 World News
0309 News about Britain
0315 Radio Newsreel
0320 About Britain
0324 About the Commonwealth
0415 Overseas Programmes

14:00 From the Press
15:15 From the Press
15:20 1st Century
15:30 Food, Health & Home
15:30 Program Summary
15:30 Today's Headlines
20:00 Holy Quran
20:05 Summary
20:10 On Islam
20:15 Sound of the 80's
20:45 Sound & About
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21:45 Daily Chronicle
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23:53 Program Summary
23:55 Holy Quran
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6:50 Network U.K.
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